

# LABOUR FORCE

AUSTRALIA  
PRELIMINARY

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## JULY KEY FIGURES

### TREND

|                           | Jun 2000 | Jul 2000 | monthly<br>change |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Employed persons ('000)   | 9 056.8  | 9 081.1  | 0.3 %             |
| Unemployed persons ('000) | 638.2    | 631.9    | -1.0 %            |
| Unemployment rate (%)     | 6.6      | 6.5      | -0.1 pts          |
| Participation rate (%)    | 63.8     | 63.8     | 0.1 pts           |

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

|                           | Jun 2000 | Jul 2000 | monthly<br>change |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Employed persons ('000)   | 9 042.0  | 9 117.8  | 75.7              |
| Unemployed persons ('000) | 643.0    | 609.7    | -33.3             |
| Unemployment rate (%)     | 6.6      | 6.3      | -0.4 pts          |
| Participation rate (%)    | 63.7     | 63.9     | 0.2 pts           |

## JULY KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

#### EMPLOYMENT

- has continued to rise steadily, reaching 9,081,100.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

- decreased to 631,900.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 6.5%.

#### PARTICIPATION RATE

- increased slightly, but the rounded estimate remained at 63.8%.

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

#### EMPLOYMENT

- increased by 75,700 to 9,117,800. Full-time employment rose by 15,900 to 6,716,200 and part-time employment rose by 59,900 to 2,401,600.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

- decreased by 33,300 to 609,700. The number of persons looking for full-time work fell by 22,600 to 440,500 and persons looking for part-time work fell by 10,700.

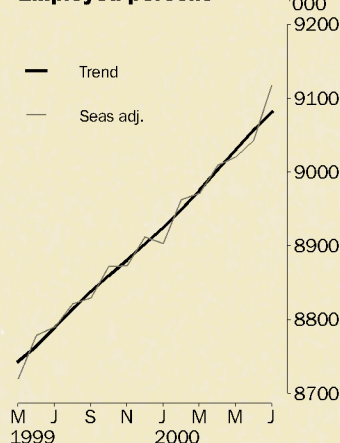
#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 6.3%, the lowest since April 1990 when it was 6.3%. The male rate fell by 0.3 percentage points to 6.4% and the female rate fell by 0.5 percentage points to 6.0%.
- NSW 5.4%, the lowest since October 1981 (5.8% last month); Vic 6.2% (6.5%); Qld 7.6% (7.7%); SA 7.8% (8.1%); WA 6.1% (5.9%); Tas 8.7% (9.4%).

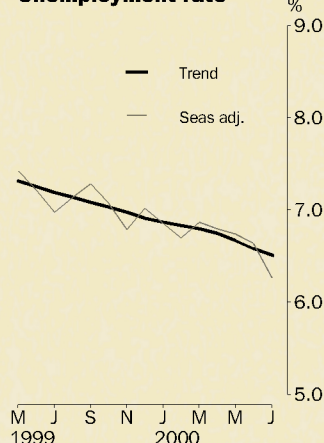
#### PARTICIPATION RATE

- increased by 0.2 percentage points to 63.9%.

### Employed persons



### Unemployment rate



## INQUIRIES

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# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

| ISSUE          | RELEASE DATE      |
|----------------|-------------------|
| August 2000    | 07 September 2000 |
| September 2000 | 12 October 2000   |
| October 2000   | 09 November 2000  |
| November 2000  | 07 December 2000  |
| December 2000  | 11 January 2001   |
| January 2001   | 08 February 2001  |

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## FORTHCOMING CHANGES

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) questionnaire is being redesigned to better reflect current labour market phenomena and contemporary user needs. The new questionnaire is scheduled to be implemented in March and April 2001. More information is available in *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Questionnaire Redesign* (Cat. no. 6294.0), which was released on 14 March 2000.

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## ROUNDING

Estimates of monthly change shown on page 1 have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates. The graphs on page 1 also depict movements calculated from unrounded estimates.

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## SAMPLING ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 30 and 31.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval indicates that we are 95% confident that the upper and lower limits enclose the true value of the estimate.

| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED<br>DATA SERIES | MOVEMENTS<br>JUNE 2000 TO JULY 2000 |                         |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
|                                    | Monthly change                      | 95% Confidence interval |             |
|                                    |                                     |                         |             |
| Total employment                   | +75 700                             | 39 300                  | to 112 100  |
| Total unemployment                 | -33 300                             | -47 100                 | to -19 500  |
| Unemployment rate                  | -0.4 pts                            | -0.6 pts                | to -0.2 pts |
| Participation rate                 | 0.2 pts                             | 0.0 pts                 | to 0.4 pts  |

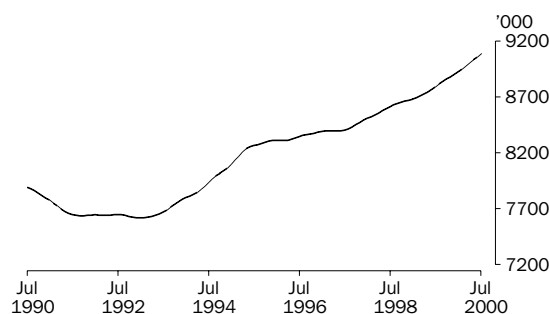
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## PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE SERIES: Trend estimates

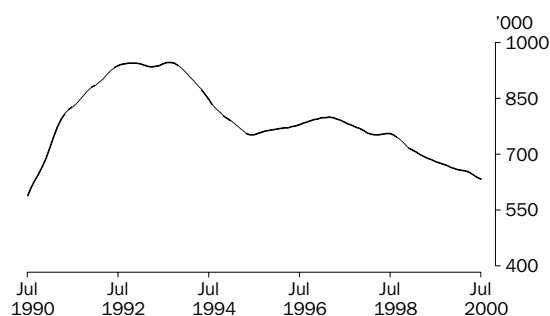
### EMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of employed persons rose strongly from a low of 7,615,300 in January 1993 until mid 1995. The trend then continued to rise at a slower rate until May 1997. Since then, the trend estimate has shown stronger growth, to stand at 9,081,100 in July 2000.



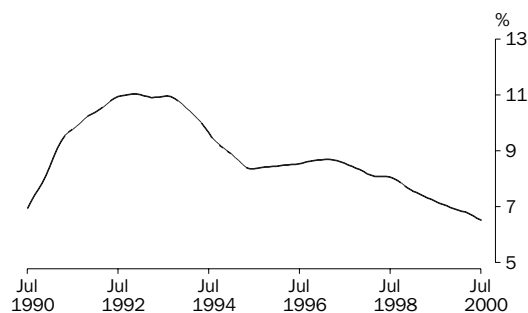
### UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of unemployed persons peaked at 946,800 in September 1993, before falling rapidly to 751,900 in June 1995. The trend then rose slowly for almost two years to 799,400 in March 1997. The trend estimate has generally been falling since March 1997, and was 631,900 in July 2000.



### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

After reaching a high of 11.0% in mid 1992, the trend unemployment rate remained steady for twelve months, before falling rapidly to 8.3% in July 1995. The trend then rose slowly, reaching 8.7% in March 1997. Apart from a small increase in mid 1998, the trend estimate has since decreased, and stood at 6.5% in July 2000.

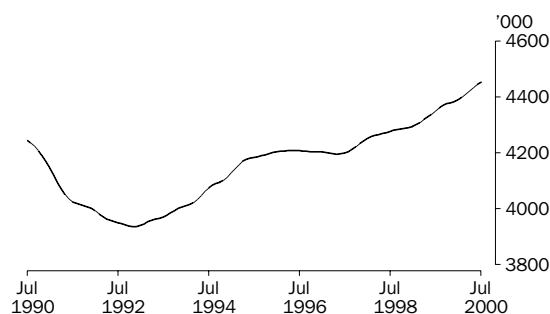


## EMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend estimates

### MALES EMPLOYED FULL TIME

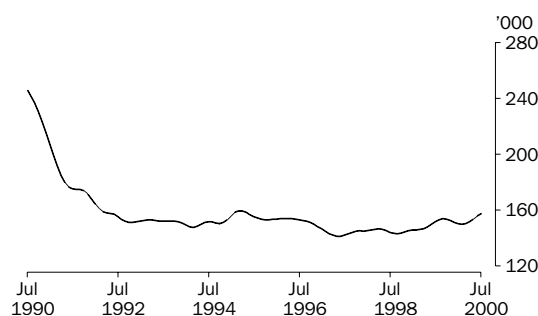
#### TOTAL

The trend estimate of males employed full time fell to a low of 3,935,300 in December 1992, before rising strongly to 4,180,500 in June 1995. The trend then remained flat until May 1997. The trend estimate has since increased steadily, to stand at 4,453,300 in July 2000.



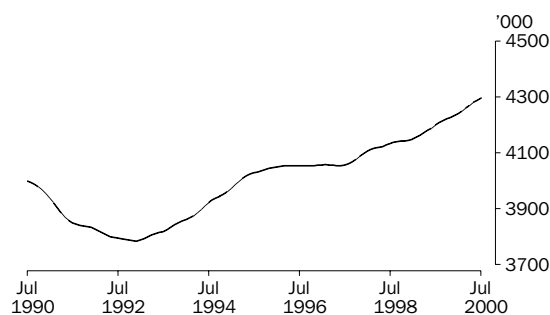
#### MALES AGED 15-19

After falling sharply to 151,000 in October 1992, the trend estimate for male teenage full-time employment has since remained relatively stable. Over the last eight years the trend has ranged from a high of 159,400 in March 1995, to a low of 141,000 in May 1997, standing at 157,300 in July 2000.



#### MALES AGED 20 AND OVER

From a low of 3,783,800 in December 1992, the trend estimate of male adult full-time employment rose steadily to reach 4,009,000 in April 1995. The trend then remained flat until May 1997. Since then, the trend estimate has generally been rising, and stood at 4,296,000 in July 2000.

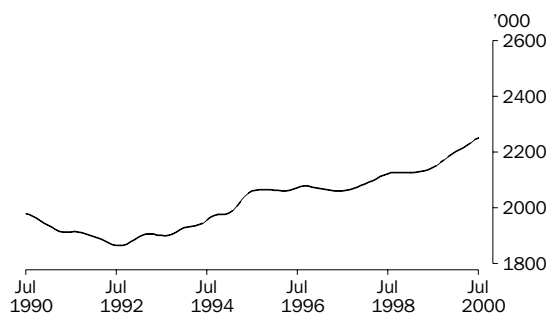


## EMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend estimates

### FEMALES EMPLOYED FULL TIME

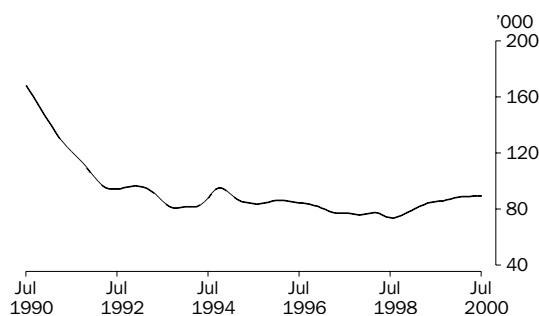
#### TOTAL

The trend estimate of females employed full time rose steadily from 1,863,700 in August 1992 to 2,064,500 in September 1995. The trend then remained relatively flat until June 1997. Since then it has generally been rising to stand at 2,252,100 in July 2000.



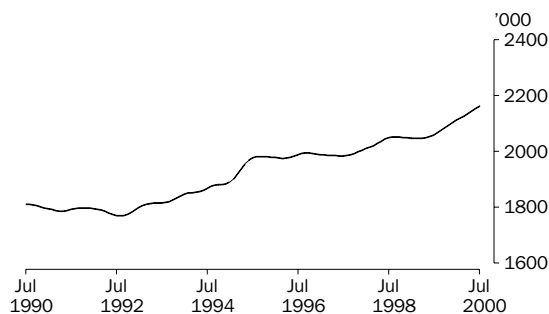
#### FEMALES AGED 15-19

The trend estimate of female teenage full-time employment fell rapidly to 94,100 in June 1992. Although fluctuating, the trend declined slowly for the next six years to reach 73,600 in August 1998. The trend estimate has since risen to stand at 89,500 in July 2000.



#### FEMALES AGED 20 AND OVER

The trend estimate of female adult full-time employment rose steadily from a low of 1,769,100 in August 1992 to 1,980,800 in September 1995. The trend then remained relatively flat until June 1997. Apart from a slight fall in early 1999, the trend estimate has generally been rising and stood at 2,162,600 in July 2000.



# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Original

|           | EMPLOYED..... |         |         | UNEMPLOYED.....            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |                           |                            |
|-----------|---------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|           |               |         |         | Looking<br>for f/t<br>work | Looking<br>for p/t<br>work | Total | Labour<br>force | Not in<br>labour<br>force | Civilian<br>population<br>aged 15<br>and over | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate |
| Month     | '000          | '000    | '000    | '000                       | '000                       | '000  | '000            | '000                      | '000  | %                         | %                          |
| MALES     |               |         |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |                           |                            |
| 1999      |               |         |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |                           |                            |
| May       | 4 290.9       | 641.8   | 4 932.7 | 332.3                      | 65.4                       | 397.7 | 5 330.4         | 2 036.6                   | 7 367.0                                       | 7.5                       | 72.4                       |
| June      | 4 316.8       | 660.8   | 4 977.6 | 321.9                      | 49.8                       | 371.7 | 5 349.4         | 2 027.4                   | 7 376.8                                       | 6.9                       | 72.5                       |
| July      | 4 373.7       | 618.8   | 4 992.4 | 302.2                      | 57.2                       | 359.4 | 5 351.8         | 2 034.2                   | 7 386.0                                       | 6.7                       | 72.5                       |
| August    | 4 323.8       | 620.8   | 4 944.5 | 316.4                      | 66.4                       | 382.9 | 5 327.4         | 2 067.9                   | 7 395.3                                       | 7.2                       | 72.0                       |
| September | 4 387.7       | 622.0   | 5 009.7 | 331.3                      | 72.5                       | 403.8 | 5 413.6         | 1 991.1                   | 7 404.6                                       | 7.5                       | 73.1                       |
| October   | 4 376.4       | 623.0   | 4 999.4 | 307.2                      | 61.4                       | 368.6 | 5 368.1         | 2 048.0                   | 7 416.0                                       | 6.9                       | 72.4                       |
| November  | 4 378.8       | 608.7   | 4 987.5 | 301.3                      | 48.9                       | 350.3 | 5 337.8         | 2 089.6                   | 7 427.4                                       | 6.6                       | 71.9                       |
| December  | 4 462.2       | 617.4   | 5 079.6 | 322.0                      | 65.7                       | 387.7 | 5 467.3         | 1 971.5                   | 7 438.7                                       | 7.1                       | 73.5                       |
| 2000      |               |         |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |                           |                            |
| January   | 4 367.2       | 611.0   | 4 978.2 | 344.6                      | 62.5                       | 407.1 | 5 385.3         | 2 062.7                   | 7 448.0                                       | 7.6                       | 72.3                       |
| February  | 4 420.6       | 613.8   | 5 034.3 | 326.5                      | 66.1                       | 392.6 | 5 427.0         | 2 030.2                   | 7 457.2                                       | 7.2                       | 72.8                       |
| March     | 4 391.2       | 642.6   | 5 033.8 | 310.9                      | 71.3                       | 382.2 | 5 415.9         | 2 050.4                   | 7 466.4                                       | 7.1                       | 72.5                       |
| April     | 4 400.4       | 666.2   | 5 066.6 | 296.3                      | 68.5                       | 364.9 | 5 431.4         | 2 044.1                   | 7 475.5                                       | 6.7                       | 72.7                       |
| May       | 4 407.9       | 660.9   | 5 068.9 | 297.8                      | 58.7                       | 356.5 | 5 425.4         | 2 059.2                   | 7 484.6                                       | 6.6                       | 72.5                       |
| June      | 4 433.3       | 651.2   | 5 084.5 | 293.2                      | 55.1                       | 348.3 | 5 432.8         | 2 061.0                   | 7 493.8                                       | 6.4                       | 72.5                       |
| July      | 4 480.1       | 653.5   | 5 133.5 | 277.3                      | 60.0                       | 337.3 | 5 470.8         | 2 032.2                   | 7 503.0                                       | 6.2                       | 72.9                       |
| FEMALES   |               |         |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |                           |                            |
| 1999      |               |         |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |                           |                            |
| May       | 2 108.5       | 1 675.4 | 3 783.8 | 181.0                      | 110.2                      | 291.1 | 4 074.9         | 3 521.3                   | 7 596.3                                       | 7.1                       | 53.6                       |
| June      | 2 132.5       | 1 683.5 | 3 816.0 | 175.8                      | 100.9                      | 276.7 | 4 092.7         | 3 512.7                   | 7 605.4                                       | 6.8                       | 53.8                       |
| July      | 2 172.6       | 1 659.4 | 3 832.0 | 160.4                      | 104.2                      | 264.6 | 4 096.6         | 3 517.9                   | 7 614.5                                       | 6.5                       | 53.8                       |
| August    | 2 109.6       | 1 677.5 | 3 787.1 | 166.8                      | 103.1                      | 269.9 | 4 057.0         | 3 566.6                   | 7 623.6                                       | 6.7                       | 53.2                       |
| September | 2 165.0       | 1 733.2 | 3 898.2 | 187.7                      | 121.8                      | 309.5 | 4 207.7         | 3 425.1                   | 7 632.7                                       | 7.4                       | 55.1                       |
| October   | 2 190.8       | 1 698.9 | 3 889.7 | 173.9                      | 100.4                      | 274.4 | 4 164.1         | 3 479.1                   | 7 643.2                                       | 6.6                       | 54.5                       |
| November  | 2 178.0       | 1 727.3 | 3 905.3 | 167.5                      | 92.1                       | 259.6 | 4 164.9         | 3 488.7                   | 7 653.7                                       | 6.2                       | 54.4                       |
| December  | 2 263.8       | 1 703.4 | 3 967.2 | 184.7                      | 94.8                       | 279.5 | 4 246.7         | 3 417.4                   | 7 664.1                                       | 6.6                       | 55.4                       |
| 2000      |               |         |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |                           |                            |
| January   | 2 208.0       | 1 587.8 | 3 795.8 | 188.5                      | 100.7                      | 289.2 | 4 085.0         | 3 587.3                   | 7 672.3                                       | 7.1                       | 53.2                       |
| February  | 2 189.2       | 1 681.6 | 3 870.7 | 200.8                      | 125.2                      | 326.1 | 4 196.8         | 3 483.7                   | 7 680.5                                       | 7.8                       | 54.6                       |
| March     | 2 201.2       | 1 715.0 | 3 916.2 | 197.4                      | 120.6                      | 318.0 | 4 234.2         | 3 454.5                   | 7 688.7                                       | 7.5                       | 55.1                       |
| April     | 2 212.6       | 1 725.6 | 3 938.2 | 181.8                      | 112.6                      | 294.4 | 4 232.6         | 3 464.4                   | 7 697.0                                       | 7.0                       | 55.0                       |
| May       | 2 200.7       | 1 746.9 | 3 947.6 | 186.0                      | 100.4                      | 286.4 | 4 234.1         | 3 471.3                   | 7 705.3                                       | 6.8                       | 54.9                       |
| June      | 2 222.3       | 1 749.1 | 3 971.4 | 152.5                      | 107.7                      | 260.3 | 4 231.7         | 3 482.0                   | 7 713.7                                       | 6.2                       | 54.9                       |
| July      | 2 296.1       | 1 725.0 | 4 021.1 | 145.0                      | 94.2                       | 239.2 | 4 260.3         | 3 462.4                   | 7 722.7                                       | 5.6                       | 55.2                       |
| PERSONS   |               |         |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |                           |                            |
| 1999      |               |         |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |                           |                            |
| May       | 6 399.3       | 2 317.2 | 8 716.5 | 513.2                      | 175.5                      | 688.8 | 9 405.3         | 5 557.9                   | 14 963.2                                      | 7.3                       | 62.9                       |
| June      | 6 449.3       | 2 344.3 | 8 793.6 | 497.8                      | 150.7                      | 648.5 | 9 442.1         | 5 540.1                   | 14 982.1                                      | 6.9                       | 63.0                       |
| July      | 6 546.3       | 2 278.1 | 8 824.4 | 462.6                      | 161.4                      | 624.0 | 9 448.4         | 5 552.1                   | 15 000.5                                      | 6.6                       | 63.0                       |
| August    | 6 433.4       | 2 298.2 | 8 731.6 | 483.2                      | 169.6                      | 652.8 | 9 384.4         | 5 634.5                   | 15 018.9                                      | 7.0                       | 62.5                       |
| September | 6 552.7       | 2 355.2 | 8 908.0 | 519.0                      | 194.3                      | 713.3 | 9 621.2         | 5 416.1                   | 15 037.4                                      | 7.4                       | 64.0                       |
| October   | 6 567.2       | 2 321.9 | 8 889.2 | 481.1                      | 161.9                      | 643.0 | 9 532.2         | 5 527.0                   | 15 059.2                                      | 6.7                       | 63.3                       |
| November  | 6 556.8       | 2 336.0 | 8 892.8 | 468.8                      | 141.1                      | 609.9 | 9 502.7         | 5 578.3                   | 15 081.0                                      | 6.4                       | 63.0                       |
| December  | 6 726.0       | 2 320.8 | 9 046.8 | 506.7                      | 160.5                      | 667.2 | 9 714.0         | 5 388.9                   | 15 102.9                                      | 6.9                       | 64.3                       |
| 2000      |               |         |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |                           |                            |
| January   | 6 575.2       | 2 198.8 | 8 773.9 | 533.2                      | 163.2                      | 696.3 | 9 470.3         | 5 650.0                   | 15 120.3                                      | 7.4                       | 62.6                       |
| February  | 6 609.8       | 2 295.3 | 8 905.1 | 527.3                      | 191.4                      | 718.7 | 9 623.8         | 5 513.9                   | 15 137.7                                      | 7.5                       | 63.6                       |
| March     | 6 592.4       | 2 357.6 | 8 950.0 | 508.3                      | 191.8                      | 700.2 | 9 650.1         | 5 504.9                   | 15 155.1                                      | 7.3                       | 63.7                       |
| April     | 6 613.0       | 2 391.8 | 9 004.8 | 478.2                      | 181.1                      | 659.3 | 9 664.1         | 5 508.5                   | 15 172.5                                      | 6.8                       | 63.7                       |
| May       | 6 608.6       | 2 407.9 | 9 016.5 | 483.9                      | 159.1                      | 643.0 | 9 659.4         | 5 530.5                   | 15 190.0                                      | 6.7                       | 63.6                       |
| June      | 6 655.6       | 2 400.2 | 9 055.9 | 445.7                      | 162.9                      | 608.6 | 9 664.5         | 5 543.0                   | 15 207.5                                      | 6.3                       | 63.6                       |
| July      | 6 776.2       | 2 378.4 | 9 154.6 | 422.4                      | 154.2                      | 576.5 | 9 731.1         | 5 494.6                   | 15 225.7                                      | 5.9                       | 63.9                       |

# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Seasonally adjusted

| Month       | EMPLOYED..... |           |         | UNEMPLOYED.....      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|             | Full time     | Part time | Total   | Looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Labour force | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|             | '000          | '000      | '000    | '000                 | '000                 | '000  | '000         | %                 | %                  |
| MALES       |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| <b>1999</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| May         | 4 313.1       | 630.6     | 4 943.7 | 337.7                | 66.7                 | 404.4 | 5 348.0      | 7.6               | 72.6               |
| June        | 4 334.0       | 636.5     | 4 970.5 | 332.5                | 56.7                 | 389.2 | 5 359.6      | 7.3               | 72.7               |
| July        | 4 348.9       | 628.4     | 4 977.3 | 310.8                | 64.4                 | 375.2 | 5 352.6      | 7.0               | 72.5               |
| August      | 4 373.8       | 619.0     | 4 992.7 | 320.6                | 69.8                 | 390.5 | 5 383.2      | 7.3               | 72.8               |
| September   | 4 373.1       | 613.3     | 4 986.4 | 325.9                | 66.3                 | 392.2 | 5 378.6      | 7.3               | 72.6               |
| October     | 4 369.4       | 620.2     | 4 989.7 | 326.7                | 64.2                 | 390.9 | 5 380.6      | 7.3               | 72.6               |
| November    | 4 381.0       | 610.4     | 4 991.4 | 310.2                | 55.9                 | 366.0 | 5 357.4      | 6.8               | 72.1               |
| December    | 4 390.2       | 616.5     | 5 006.7 | 326.4                | 62.6                 | 388.9 | 5 395.6      | 7.2               | 72.5               |
| <b>2000</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| January     | 4 367.1       | 636.0     | 5 003.0 | 317.2                | 60.2                 | 377.4 | 5 380.5      | 7.0               | 72.2               |
| February    | 4 412.2       | 644.4     | 5 056.6 | 299.8                | 60.3                 | 360.1 | 5 416.7      | 6.6               | 72.6               |
| March       | 4 410.2       | 635.6     | 5 045.8 | 304.1                | 62.2                 | 366.3 | 5 412.1      | 6.8               | 72.5               |
| April       | 4 416.9       | 656.8     | 5 073.7 | 302.3                | 65.9                 | 368.3 | 5 441.9      | 6.8               | 72.8               |
| May         | 4 431.3       | 649.1     | 5 080.4 | 302.8                | 59.8                 | 362.7 | 5 443.1      | 6.7               | 72.7               |
| June        | 4 451.8       | 626.5     | 5 078.3 | 302.9                | 62.9                 | 365.8 | 5 444.1      | 6.7               | 72.6               |
| July        | 4 454.4       | 663.6     | 5 118.1 | 285.1                | 67.6                 | 352.7 | 5 470.7      | 6.4               | 72.9               |
| FEMALES     |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| <b>1999</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| May         | 2 128.1       | 1 648.0   | 3 776.1 | 183.6                | 110.9                | 294.4 | 4 070.6      | 7.2               | 53.6               |
| June        | 2 156.9       | 1 650.8   | 3 807.7 | 184.2                | 109.5                | 293.7 | 4 101.4      | 7.2               | 53.9               |
| July        | 2 140.9       | 1 671.1   | 3 812.0 | 171.5                | 112.6                | 284.1 | 4 096.1      | 6.9               | 53.8               |
| August      | 2 144.9       | 1 683.1   | 3 828.1 | 176.7                | 110.3                | 287.0 | 4 115.0      | 7.0               | 54.0               |
| September   | 2 150.8       | 1 691.7   | 3 842.6 | 188.7                | 112.9                | 301.6 | 4 144.1      | 7.3               | 54.3               |
| October     | 2 183.5       | 1 698.7   | 3 882.2 | 182.2                | 102.6                | 284.8 | 4 167.0      | 6.8               | 54.5               |
| November    | 2 178.2       | 1 703.2   | 3 881.4 | 178.4                | 101.5                | 279.9 | 4 161.2      | 6.7               | 54.4               |
| December    | 2 201.6       | 1 704.0   | 3 905.7 | 182.8                | 100.7                | 283.4 | 4 189.1      | 6.8               | 54.7               |
| <b>2000</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| January     | 2 204.0       | 1 696.4   | 3 900.3 | 175.3                | 102.1                | 277.4 | 4 177.7      | 6.6               | 54.5               |
| February    | 2 192.8       | 1 713.0   | 3 905.8 | 175.2                | 108.2                | 283.4 | 4 189.3      | 6.8               | 54.5               |
| March       | 2 221.9       | 1 703.1   | 3 925.0 | 188.2                | 107.3                | 295.5 | 4 220.5      | 7.0               | 54.9               |
| April       | 2 227.7       | 1 706.8   | 3 934.5 | 180.7                | 107.5                | 288.2 | 4 222.7      | 6.8               | 54.9               |
| May         | 2 221.9       | 1 718.0   | 3 939.9 | 188.5                | 100.9                | 289.4 | 4 229.3      | 6.8               | 54.9               |
| June        | 2 248.5       | 1 715.2   | 3 963.7 | 160.2                | 117.0                | 277.2 | 4 240.9      | 6.5               | 55.0               |
| July        | 2 261.7       | 1 738.0   | 3 999.7 | 155.4                | 101.6                | 257.1 | 4 256.8      | 6.0               | 55.1               |
| PERSONS     |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| <b>1999</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| May         | 6 441.2       | 2 278.6   | 8 719.8 | 521.3                | 177.6                | 698.8 | 9 418.6      | 7.4               | 62.9               |
| June        | 6 490.9       | 2 287.3   | 8 778.2 | 516.7                | 166.2                | 682.9 | 9 461.1      | 7.2               | 63.1               |
| July        | 6 489.8       | 2 299.6   | 8 789.4 | 482.4                | 177.0                | 659.3 | 9 448.7      | 7.0               | 63.0               |
| August      | 6 518.7       | 2 302.1   | 8 820.8 | 497.4                | 180.1                | 677.4 | 9 498.2      | 7.1               | 63.2               |
| September   | 6 524.0       | 2 305.0   | 8 829.0 | 514.5                | 179.2                | 693.7 | 9 522.7      | 7.3               | 63.3               |
| October     | 6 552.9       | 2 318.9   | 8 871.8 | 508.9                | 166.8                | 675.8 | 9 547.6      | 7.1               | 63.4               |
| November    | 6 559.1       | 2 313.6   | 8 872.8 | 488.5                | 157.4                | 645.9 | 9 518.7      | 6.8               | 63.1               |
| December    | 6 591.8       | 2 320.5   | 8 912.3 | 509.1                | 163.2                | 672.3 | 9 584.7      | 7.0               | 63.5               |
| <b>2000</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| January     | 6 571.0       | 2 332.3   | 8 903.4 | 492.5                | 162.3                | 654.8 | 9 558.1      | 6.9               | 63.2               |
| February    | 6 605.0       | 2 357.4   | 8 962.4 | 475.0                | 168.5                | 643.5 | 9 606.0      | 6.7               | 63.5               |
| March       | 6 632.0       | 2 338.7   | 8 970.7 | 492.3                | 169.5                | 661.8 | 9 632.6      | 6.9               | 63.6               |
| April       | 6 644.5       | 2 363.6   | 9 008.2 | 483.1                | 173.4                | 656.5 | 9 664.6      | 6.8               | 63.7               |
| May         | 6 653.2       | 2 367.1   | 9 020.3 | 491.4                | 160.7                | 652.1 | 9 672.4      | 6.7               | 63.7               |
| June        | 6 700.3       | 2 341.7   | 9 042.0 | 463.1                | 179.9                | 643.0 | 9 685.1      | 6.6               | 63.7               |
| July        | 6 716.2       | 2 401.6   | 9 117.8 | 440.5                | 169.2                | 609.7 | 9 727.5      | 6.3               | 63.9               |

# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Trend(a)

| Month       | EMPLOYED..... |           |         | UNEMPLOYED.....      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|             | Full time     | Part time | Total   | Looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Labour force | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|             | '000          | '000      | '000    | '000                 | '000                 | '000  | '000         | %                 | %                  |
| MALES       |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| <b>1999</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| May         | 4 328.4       | 631.5     | 4 959.9 | 331.9                | 62.8                 | 394.7 | 5 354.7      | 7.4               | 72.7               |
| June        | 4 338.3       | 629.7     | 4 968.1 | 327.7                | 64.2                 | 391.9 | 5 360.0      | 7.3               | 72.7               |
| July        | 4 349.3       | 626.1     | 4 975.5 | 324.4                | 64.9                 | 389.3 | 5 364.8      | 7.3               | 72.6               |
| August      | 4 360.2       | 621.4     | 4 981.6 | 322.4                | 65.0                 | 387.4 | 5 369.0      | 7.2               | 72.6               |
| September   | 4 369.3       | 617.5     | 4 986.7 | 321.4                | 64.4                 | 385.8 | 5 372.5      | 7.2               | 72.5               |
| October     | 4 375.5       | 615.8     | 4 991.3 | 320.8                | 63.2                 | 384.0 | 5 375.3      | 7.1               | 72.5               |
| November    | 4 379.5       | 617.6     | 4 997.1 | 319.7                | 61.9                 | 381.6 | 5 378.8      | 7.1               | 72.4               |
| December    | 4 383.5       | 623.2     | 5 006.8 | 317.0                | 60.9                 | 377.9 | 5 384.7      | 7.0               | 72.4               |
| <b>2000</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| January     | 4 389.6       | 630.5     | 5 020.1 | 313.2                | 60.5                 | 373.6 | 5 393.7      | 6.9               | 72.4               |
| February    | 4 398.6       | 637.1     | 5 035.7 | 309.1                | 60.9                 | 370.0 | 5 405.7      | 6.8               | 72.5               |
| March       | 4 409.8       | 642.0     | 5 051.8 | 305.6                | 61.8                 | 367.4 | 5 419.2      | 6.8               | 72.6               |
| April       | 4 421.7       | 645.1     | 5 066.8 | 302.5                | 62.6                 | 365.1 | 5 431.9      | 6.7               | 72.7               |
| May         | 4 433.2       | 647.1     | 5 080.4 | 299.4                | 63.3                 | 362.8 | 5 443.1      | 6.7               | 72.7               |
| June        | 4 443.8       | 648.7     | 5 092.5 | 296.4                | 64.0                 | 360.4 | 5 452.8      | 6.6               | 72.8               |
| July        | 4 453.3       | 649.5     | 5 102.8 | 294.2                | 64.9                 | 359.1 | 5 461.9      | 6.6               | 72.8               |
| FEMALES     |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| <b>1999</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| May         | 2 133.4       | 1 649.5   | 3 783.0 | 183.2                | 111.4                | 294.6 | 4 077.6      | 7.2               | 53.7               |
| June        | 2 137.7       | 1 658.5   | 3 796.2 | 181.3                | 111.9                | 293.2 | 4 089.4      | 7.2               | 53.8               |
| July        | 2 143.9       | 1 669.4   | 3 813.3 | 180.3                | 111.2                | 291.5 | 4 104.8      | 7.1               | 53.9               |
| August      | 2 152.2       | 1 680.2   | 3 832.4 | 180.2                | 109.7                | 289.9 | 4 122.3      | 7.0               | 54.1               |
| September   | 2 161.6       | 1 689.7   | 3 851.3 | 180.4                | 107.7                | 288.0 | 4 139.3      | 7.0               | 54.2               |
| October     | 2 171.6       | 1 696.9   | 3 868.5 | 180.6                | 105.5                | 286.1 | 4 154.6      | 6.9               | 54.4               |
| November    | 2 182.2       | 1 701.2   | 3 883.4 | 180.4                | 103.8                | 284.1 | 4 167.5      | 6.8               | 54.5               |
| December    | 2 192.2       | 1 703.2   | 3 895.4 | 180.3                | 102.9                | 283.3 | 4 178.7      | 6.8               | 54.5               |
| <b>2000</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| January     | 2 200.6       | 1 703.9   | 3 904.6 | 180.9                | 103.3                | 284.2 | 4 188.8      | 6.8               | 54.6               |
| February    | 2 207.7       | 1 705.0   | 3 912.6 | 181.3                | 104.6                | 285.9 | 4 198.6      | 6.8               | 54.7               |
| March       | 2 215.2       | 1 707.3   | 3 922.5 | 181.0                | 106.1                | 287.0 | 4 209.5      | 6.8               | 54.7               |
| April       | 2 224.2       | 1 711.1   | 3 935.3 | 178.9                | 107.0                | 285.9 | 4 221.2      | 6.8               | 54.8               |
| May         | 2 233.9       | 1 715.9   | 3 949.8 | 175.2                | 107.3                | 282.5 | 4 232.4      | 6.7               | 54.9               |
| June        | 2 243.3       | 1 721.0   | 3 964.3 | 170.4                | 107.4                | 277.8 | 4 242.1      | 6.5               | 55.0               |
| July        | 2 252.1       | 1 726.2   | 3 978.3 | 165.7                | 107.2                | 272.9 | 4 251.1      | 6.4               | 55.1               |
| PERSONS     |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| <b>1999</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| May         | 6 461.8       | 2 281.1   | 8 742.9 | 515.2                | 174.1                | 689.3 | 9 432.2      | 7.3               | 63.0               |
| June        | 6 476.0       | 2 288.2   | 8 764.2 | 509.1                | 176.0                | 685.1 | 9 449.3      | 7.3               | 63.1               |
| July        | 6 493.3       | 2 295.5   | 8 788.8 | 504.7                | 176.1                | 680.8 | 9 469.6      | 7.2               | 63.1               |
| August      | 6 512.4       | 2 301.6   | 8 814.0 | 502.6                | 174.6                | 677.3 | 9 491.2      | 7.1               | 63.2               |
| September   | 6 530.9       | 2 307.2   | 8 838.0 | 501.8                | 172.0                | 673.8 | 9 511.9      | 7.1               | 63.2               |
| October     | 6 547.1       | 2 312.7   | 8 859.8 | 501.4                | 168.7                | 670.1 | 9 529.9      | 7.0               | 63.3               |
| November    | 6 561.7       | 2 318.8   | 8 880.5 | 500.1                | 165.7                | 665.8 | 9 546.3      | 7.0               | 63.3               |
| December    | 6 575.7       | 2 326.5   | 8 902.2 | 497.3                | 163.8                | 661.2 | 9 563.4      | 6.9               | 63.3               |
| <b>2000</b> |               |           |         |                      |                      |       |              |                   |                    |
| January     | 6 590.3       | 2 334.4   | 8 924.7 | 494.0                | 163.8                | 657.8 | 9 582.5      | 6.9               | 63.4               |
| February    | 6 606.3       | 2 342.1   | 8 948.4 | 490.4                | 165.6                | 655.9 | 9 604.3      | 6.8               | 63.4               |
| March       | 6 625.0       | 2 349.3   | 8 974.3 | 486.6                | 167.9                | 654.5 | 9 628.7      | 6.8               | 63.5               |
| April       | 6 645.8       | 2 356.2   | 9 002.1 | 481.4                | 169.6                | 651.0 | 9 653.1      | 6.7               | 63.6               |
| May         | 6 667.2       | 2 363.0   | 9 030.2 | 474.6                | 170.7                | 645.3 | 9 675.5      | 6.7               | 63.7               |
| June        | 6 687.1       | 2 369.7   | 9 056.8 | 466.7                | 171.4                | 638.2 | 9 695.0      | 6.6               | 63.8               |
| July        | 6 705.4       | 2 375.7   | 9 081.1 | 459.9                | 172.1                | 631.9 | 9 713.0      | 6.5               | 63.8               |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2000 to June 2000 have been revised.



## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Original

| Month       | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....      |  |                                   |                             |              | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....                 |  |                                   |                             |              | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO       |  |
|-------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--|--|
|             | <i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i> | <i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i> | <i>Total looking for f/t work</i> | <i>Looking for p/t work</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i> | <i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i> | <i>Total looking for f/t work</i> | <i>Looking for p/t work</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work</i> | <i>Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work</i> |
|             | '000                                   | '000   | '000                              | '000                        | '000         | %                                      | %  | %                                 | %                           | %            | %                                      | %  |
| MALES       |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |
| <b>1999</b> |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |
| May         | 38.1                                   | 294.2  | 332.3                             | 65.4                        | 397.7        | 21.3                                   | 6.6  | 7.2                               | 9.2                         | 7.5          | 5.6                                    | 4.4  |
| June        | 39.1                                   | 282.9  | 321.9                             | 49.8                        | 371.7        | 22.1                                   | 6.3  | 6.9                               | 7.0                         | 6.9          | 5.7                                    | 4.2  |
| July        | 32.8                                   | 269.4  | 302.2                             | 57.2                        | 359.4        | 17.3                                   | 6.0  | 6.5                               | 8.5                         | 6.7          | 4.8                                    | 4.0  |
| August      | 32.2                                   | 284.2  | 316.4                             | 66.4                        | 382.9        | 18.3                                   | 6.4  | 6.8                               | 9.7                         | 7.2          | 4.7                                    | 4.2  |
| September   | 35.1                                   | 296.2  | 331.3                             | 72.5                        | 403.8        | 18.7                                   | 6.5  | 7.0                               | 10.4                        | 7.5          | 5.1                                    | 4.4  |
| October     | 33.8                                   | 273.4  | 307.2                             | 61.4                        | 368.6        | 18.5                                   | 6.1  | 6.6                               | 9.0                         | 6.9          | 4.9                                    | 4.1  |
| November    | 38.6                                   | 262.7  | 301.3                             | 48.9                        | 350.3        | 21.1                                   | 5.8  | 6.4                               | 7.4                         | 6.6          | 5.6                                    | 3.9  |
| December    | 50.1                                   | 271.9  | 322.0                             | 65.7                        | 387.7        | 23.2                                   | 6.0  | 6.7                               | 9.6                         | 7.1          | 7.3                                    | 4.0  |
| <b>2000</b> |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |
| January     | 51.0                                   | 293.6  | 344.6                             | 62.5                        | 407.1        | 23.4                                   | 6.5  | 7.3                               | 9.3                         | 7.6          | 7.4                                    | 4.3  |
| February    | 45.8                                   | 280.7  | 326.5                             | 66.1                        | 392.6        | 22.4                                   | 6.2  | 6.9                               | 9.7                         | 7.2          | 6.7                                    | 4.1  |
| March       | 38.9                                   | 271.9  | 310.9                             | 71.3                        | 382.2        | 21.3                                   | 6.0  | 6.6                               | 10.0                        | 7.1          | 5.7                                    | 4.0  |
| April       | 35.7                                   | 260.7  | 296.3                             | 68.5                        | 364.9        | 19.0                                   | 5.8  | 6.3                               | 9.3                         | 6.7          | 5.2                                    | 3.8  |
| May         | 33.9                                   | 264.0  | 297.8                             | 58.7                        | 356.5        | 18.8                                   | 5.8  | 6.3                               | 8.2                         | 6.6          | 4.9                                    | 3.9  |
| June        | 32.4                                   | 260.8  | 293.2                             | 55.1                        | 348.3        | 17.7                                   | 5.7  | 6.2                               | 7.8                         | 6.4          | 4.7                                    | 3.8  |
| July        | 32.3                                   | 245.1  | 277.3                             | 60.0                        | 337.3        | 16.8                                   | 5.4  | 5.8                               | 8.4                         | 6.2          | 4.7                                    | 3.6  |
| FEMALES     |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |
| <b>1999</b> |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |
| May         | 31.3                                   | 149.6  | 181.0                             | 110.2                       | 291.1        | 28.6                                   | 6.9  | 7.9                               | 6.2                         | 7.1          | 4.8                                    | 2.2  |
| June        | 26.2                                   | 149.6  | 175.8                             | 100.9                       | 276.7        | 24.6                                   | 6.8  | 7.6                               | 5.7                         | 6.8          | 4.0                                    | 2.2  |
| July        | 25.6                                   | 134.8  | 160.4                             | 104.2                       | 264.6        | 22.3                                   | 6.1  | 6.9                               | 5.9                         | 6.5          | 3.9                                    | 1.9  |
| August      | 26.4                                   | 140.4  | 166.8                             | 103.1                       | 269.9        | 25.4                                   | 6.5  | 7.3                               | 5.8                         | 6.7          | 4.1                                    | 2.0  |
| September   | 28.7                                   | 159.0  | 187.7                             | 121.8                       | 309.5        | 26.1                                   | 7.1  | 8.0                               | 6.6                         | 7.4          | 4.4                                    | 2.3  |
| October     | 26.7                                   | 147.2  | 173.9                             | 100.4                       | 274.4        | 24.1                                   | 6.5  | 7.4                               | 5.6                         | 6.6          | 4.1                                    | 2.1  |
| November    | 29.2                                   | 138.3  | 167.5                             | 92.1                        | 259.6        | 25.7                                   | 6.2  | 7.1                               | 5.1                         | 6.2          | 4.5                                    | 2.0  |
| December    | 37.8                                   | 146.9  | 184.7                             | 94.8                        | 279.5        | 27.7                                   | 6.4  | 7.5                               | 5.3                         | 6.6          | 5.8                                    | 2.1  |
| <b>2000</b> |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |
| January     | 32.7                                   | 155.8  | 188.5                             | 100.7                       | 289.2        | 24.3                                   | 6.9  | 7.9                               | 6.0                         | 7.1          | 5.0                                    | 2.2  |
| February    | 31.8                                   | 169.1  | 200.8                             | 125.2                       | 326.1        | 25.1                                   | 7.5  | 8.4                               | 6.9                         | 7.8          | 4.8                                    | 2.4  |
| March       | 27.8                                   | 169.6  | 197.4                             | 120.6                       | 318.0        | 24.7                                   | 7.4  | 8.2                               | 6.6                         | 7.5          | 4.2                                    | 2.4  |
| April       | 28.6                                   | 153.3  | 181.8                             | 112.6                       | 294.4        | 25.1                                   | 6.7  | 7.6                               | 6.1                         | 7.0          | 4.3                                    | 2.2  |
| May         | 31.8                                   | 154.2  | 186.0                             | 100.4                       | 286.4        | 27.3                                   | 6.8  | 7.8                               | 5.4                         | 6.8          | 4.8                                    | 2.2  |
| June        | 26.0                                   | 126.5  | 152.5                             | 107.7                       | 260.3        | 23.7                                   | 5.6  | 6.4                               | 5.8                         | 6.2          | 3.9                                    | 1.8  |
| July        | 25.3                                   | 119.7  | 145.0                             | 94.2                        | 239.2        | 21.4                                   | 5.2  | 5.9                               | 5.2                         | 5.6          | 3.8                                    | 1.7  |
| PERSONS     |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |
| <b>1999</b> |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |
| May         | 69.5                                   | 443.8  | 513.2                             | 175.5                       | 688.8        | 24.0                                   | 6.7  | 7.4                               | 7.0                         | 7.3          | 5.2                                    | 3.3  |
| June        | 65.3                                   | 432.5  | 497.8                             | 150.7                       | 648.5        | 23.0                                   | 6.5  | 7.2                               | 6.0                         | 6.9          | 4.9                                    | 3.2  |
| July        | 58.4                                   | 404.2  | 462.6                             | 161.4                       | 624.0        | 19.2                                   | 6.0  | 6.6                               | 6.6                         | 6.6          | 4.4                                    | 3.0  |
| August      | 58.7                                   | 424.6  | 483.2                             | 169.6                       | 652.8        | 20.9                                   | 6.4  | 7.0                               | 6.9                         | 7.0          | 4.4                                    | 3.1  |
| September   | 63.8                                   | 455.2  | 519.0                             | 194.3                       | 713.3        | 21.4                                   | 6.7  | 7.3                               | 7.6                         | 7.4          | 4.8                                    | 3.3  |
| October     | 60.5                                   | 420.6  | 481.1                             | 161.9                       | 643.0        | 20.6                                   | 6.2  | 6.8                               | 6.5                         | 6.7          | 4.5                                    | 3.1  |
| November    | 67.8                                   | 401.0  | 468.8                             | 141.1                       | 609.9        | 22.9                                   | 6.0  | 6.7                               | 5.7                         | 6.4          | 5.1                                    | 2.9  |
| December    | 87.9                                   | 418.8  | 506.7                             | 160.5                       | 667.2        | 25.0                                   | 6.1  | 7.0                               | 6.5                         | 6.9          | 6.6                                    | 3.0  |
| <b>2000</b> |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |                                   |                             |              |  |  |
| January     | 83.8                                   | 449.4  | 533.2                             | 163.2                       | 696.3        | 23.7                                   | 6.7  | 7.5                               | 6.9                         | 7.4          | 6.2                                    | 3.3  |
| February    | 77.6                                   | 449.7  | 527.3                             | 191.4                       | 718.7        | 23.4                                   | 6.6  | 7.4                               | 7.7                         | 7.5          | 5.8                                    | 3.3  |
| March       | 66.8                                   | 441.5  | 508.3                             | 191.8                       | 700.2        | 22.6                                   | 6.5  | 7.2                               | 7.5                         | 7.3          | 5.0                                    | 3.2  |
| April       | 64.3                                   | 413.9  | 478.2                             | 181.1                       | 659.3        | 21.3                                   | 6.1  | 6.7                               | 7.0                         | 6.8          | 4.8                                    | 3.0  |
| May         | 65.7                                   | 418.2  | 483.9                             | 159.1                       | 643.0        | 22.2                                   | 6.2  | 6.8                               | 6.2                         | 6.7          | 4.9                                    | 3.0  |
| June        | 58.4                                   | 387.3  | 445.7                             | 162.9                       | 608.6        | 20.0                                   | 5.7  | 6.3                               | 6.4                         | 6.3          | 4.3                                    | 2.8  |
| July        | 57.6                                   | 364.8  | 422.4                             | 154.2                       | 576.5        | 18.6                                   | 5.3  | 5.9                               | 6.1                         | 5.9          | 4.3                                    | 2.6  |

## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Seasonally adjusted

| Month       | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.... |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....          |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO |                                       |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|             | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work  | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work  | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
|             | '000                             | '000                                  | '000                       | '000                 | '000  | %                               | %                                     | %                          | %                    | %     | %                                | %                                     |
| MALES       |                                  |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b> |                                  |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May         | 38.6                             | 299.1                                 | 337.7                      | 66.7                 | 404.4 | 20.7                            | 6.7                                   | 7.3                        | 9.6                  | 7.6   | 5.7                              | 4.5                                   |
| June        | 39.9                             | 292.6                                 | 332.5                      | 56.7                 | 389.2 | 21.2                            | 6.5                                   | 7.1                        | 8.2                  | 7.3   | 5.9                              | 4.4                                   |
| July        | 36.0                             | 274.9                                 | 310.8                      | 64.4                 | 375.2 | 19.0                            | 6.1                                   | 6.7                        | 9.3                  | 7.0   | 5.3                              | 4.1                                   |
| August      | 36.1                             | 284.5                                 | 320.6                      | 69.8                 | 390.5 | 19.0                            | 6.3                                   | 6.8                        | 10.1                 | 7.3   | 5.3                              | 4.2                                   |
| September   | 38.1                             | 287.8                                 | 325.9                      | 66.3                 | 392.2 | 19.6                            | 6.4                                   | 6.9                        | 9.8                  | 7.3   | 5.6                              | 4.3                                   |
| October     | 38.2                             | 288.5                                 | 326.7                      | 64.2                 | 390.9 | 20.1                            | 6.4                                   | 7.0                        | 9.4                  | 7.3   | 5.6                              | 4.3                                   |
| November    | 41.8                             | 268.4                                 | 310.2                      | 55.9                 | 366.0 | 21.5                            | 6.0                                   | 6.6                        | 8.4                  | 6.8   | 6.1                              | 4.0                                   |
| December    | 42.0                             | 284.4                                 | 326.4                      | 62.6                 | 388.9 | 21.7                            | 6.3                                   | 6.9                        | 9.2                  | 7.2   | 6.1                              | 4.2                                   |
| <b>2000</b> |                                  |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January     | 42.0                             | 275.2                                 | 317.2                      | 60.2                 | 377.4 | 21.6                            | 6.1                                   | 6.8                        | 8.6                  | 7.0   | 6.1                              | 4.1                                   |
| February    | 42.2                             | 257.6                                 | 299.8                      | 60.3                 | 360.1 | 21.8                            | 5.7                                   | 6.4                        | 8.6                  | 6.6   | 6.1                              | 3.8                                   |
| March       | 38.2                             | 265.9                                 | 304.1                      | 62.2                 | 366.3 | 21.0                            | 5.9                                   | 6.5                        | 8.9                  | 6.8   | 5.6                              | 3.9                                   |
| April       | 36.2                             | 266.1                                 | 302.3                      | 65.9                 | 368.3 | 19.3                            | 5.9                                   | 6.4                        | 9.1                  | 6.8   | 5.3                              | 3.9                                   |
| May         | 34.3                             | 268.5                                 | 302.8                      | 59.8                 | 362.7 | 18.4                            | 5.9                                   | 6.4                        | 8.4                  | 6.7   | 5.0                              | 4.0                                   |
| June        | 33.1                             | 269.8                                 | 302.9                      | 62.9                 | 365.8 | 17.0                            | 5.9                                   | 6.4                        | 9.1                  | 6.7   | 4.8                              | 4.0                                   |
| July        | 35.4                             | 249.7                                 | 285.1                      | 67.6                 | 352.7 | 18.4                            | 5.5                                   | 6.0                        | 9.2                  | 6.4   | 5.1                              | 3.7                                   |
| FEMALES     |                                  |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b> |                                  |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May         | 31.5                             | 152.1                                 | 183.6                      | 110.9                | 294.4 | 27.3                            | 6.9                                   | 7.9                        | 6.3                  | 7.2   | 4.9                              | 2.2                                   |
| June        | 30.1                             | 154.1                                 | 184.2                      | 109.5                | 293.7 | 25.9                            | 6.9                                   | 7.9                        | 6.2                  | 7.2   | 4.6                              | 2.2                                   |
| July        | 30.4                             | 141.2                                 | 171.5                      | 112.6                | 284.1 | 26.2                            | 6.4                                   | 7.4                        | 6.3                  | 6.9   | 4.7                              | 2.0                                   |
| August      | 30.1                             | 146.6                                 | 176.7                      | 110.3                | 287.0 | 26.2                            | 6.6                                   | 7.6                        | 6.1                  | 7.0   | 4.6                              | 2.1                                   |
| September   | 31.8                             | 156.8                                 | 188.7                      | 112.9                | 301.6 | 27.4                            | 7.1                                   | 8.1                        | 6.3                  | 7.3   | 4.9                              | 2.2                                   |
| October     | 30.3                             | 152.0                                 | 182.2                      | 102.6                | 284.8 | 26.1                            | 6.8                                   | 7.7                        | 5.7                  | 6.8   | 4.6                              | 2.2                                   |
| November    | 30.3                             | 148.1                                 | 178.4                      | 101.5                | 279.9 | 25.4                            | 6.6                                   | 7.6                        | 5.6                  | 6.7   | 4.6                              | 2.1                                   |
| December    | 30.1                             | 152.6                                 | 182.8                      | 100.7                | 283.4 | 25.4                            | 6.7                                   | 7.7                        | 5.6                  | 6.8   | 4.6                              | 2.2                                   |
| <b>2000</b> |                                  |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January     | 26.6                             | 148.7                                 | 175.3                      | 102.1                | 277.4 | 23.3                            | 6.6                                   | 7.4                        | 5.7                  | 6.6   | 4.1                              | 2.1                                   |
| February    | 27.3                             | 147.9                                 | 175.2                      | 108.2                | 283.4 | 23.3                            | 6.6                                   | 7.4                        | 5.9                  | 6.8   | 4.2                              | 2.1                                   |
| March       | 27.1                             | 161.1                                 | 188.2                      | 107.3                | 295.5 | 23.5                            | 7.0                                   | 7.8                        | 5.9                  | 7.0   | 4.1                              | 2.3                                   |
| April       | 29.0                             | 151.7                                 | 180.7                      | 107.5                | 288.2 | 25.0                            | 6.6                                   | 7.5                        | 5.9                  | 6.8   | 4.4                              | 2.2                                   |
| May         | 32.0                             | 156.6                                 | 188.5                      | 100.9                | 289.4 | 26.1                            | 6.8                                   | 7.8                        | 5.5                  | 6.8   | 4.9                              | 2.2                                   |
| June        | 29.9                             | 130.3                                 | 160.2                      | 117.0                | 277.2 | 25.0                            | 5.7                                   | 6.7                        | 6.4                  | 6.5   | 4.5                              | 1.8                                   |
| July        | 30.0                             | 125.4                                 | 155.4                      | 101.6                | 257.1 | 25.2                            | 5.5                                   | 6.4                        | 5.5                  | 6.0   | 4.6                              | 1.8                                   |
| PERSONS     |                                  |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b> |                                  |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May         | 70.1                             | 451.2                                 | 521.3                      | 177.6                | 698.8 | 23.3                            | 6.8                                   | 7.5                        | 7.2                  | 7.4   | 5.3                              | 3.3                                   |
| June        | 70.0                             | 446.7                                 | 516.7                      | 166.2                | 682.9 | 23.0                            | 6.7                                   | 7.4                        | 6.8                  | 7.2   | 5.3                              | 3.3                                   |
| July        | 66.3                             | 416.0                                 | 482.4                      | 177.0                | 659.3 | 21.7                            | 6.2                                   | 6.9                        | 7.1                  | 7.0   | 5.0                              | 3.0                                   |
| August      | 66.3                             | 431.1                                 | 497.4                      | 180.1                | 677.4 | 21.7                            | 6.4                                   | 7.1                        | 7.3                  | 7.1   | 5.0                              | 3.1                                   |
| September   | 69.9                             | 444.7                                 | 514.5                      | 179.2                | 693.7 | 22.5                            | 6.6                                   | 7.3                        | 7.2                  | 7.3   | 5.2                              | 3.2                                   |
| October     | 68.5                             | 440.4                                 | 508.9                      | 166.8                | 675.8 | 22.4                            | 6.5                                   | 7.2                        | 6.7                  | 7.1   | 5.1                              | 3.2                                   |
| November    | 72.1                             | 416.5                                 | 488.5                      | 157.4                | 645.9 | 23.0                            | 6.2                                   | 6.9                        | 6.4                  | 6.8   | 5.4                              | 3.0                                   |
| December    | 72.1                             | 437.0                                 | 509.1                      | 163.2                | 672.3 | 23.1                            | 6.4                                   | 7.2                        | 6.6                  | 7.0   | 5.4                              | 3.2                                   |
| <b>2000</b> |                                  |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January     | 68.5                             | 424.0                                 | 492.5                      | 162.3                | 654.8 | 22.2                            | 6.3                                   | 7.0                        | 6.5                  | 6.9   | 5.1                              | 3.1                                   |
| February    | 69.5                             | 405.5                                 | 475.0                      | 168.5                | 643.5 | 22.4                            | 6.0                                   | 6.7                        | 6.7                  | 6.7   | 5.2                              | 2.9                                   |
| March       | 65.3                             | 427.0                                 | 492.3                      | 169.5                | 661.8 | 22.0                            | 6.3                                   | 6.9                        | 6.8                  | 6.9   | 4.9                              | 3.1                                   |
| April       | 65.3                             | 417.8                                 | 483.1                      | 173.4                | 656.5 | 21.5                            | 6.1                                   | 6.8                        | 6.8                  | 6.8   | 4.8                              | 3.0                                   |
| May         | 66.3                             | 425.1                                 | 491.4                      | 160.7                | 652.1 | 21.4                            | 6.2                                   | 6.9                        | 6.4                  | 6.7   | 4.9                              | 3.1                                   |
| June        | 63.0                             | 400.1                                 | 463.1                      | 179.9                | 643.0 | 20.0                            | 5.8                                   | 6.5                        | 7.1                  | 6.6   | 4.7                              | 2.9                                   |
| July        | 65.4                             | 375.1                                 | 440.5                      | 169.2                | 609.7 | 21.0                            | 5.5                                   | 6.2                        | 6.6                  | 6.3   | 4.8                              | 2.7                                   |

## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend(a)

| Month       | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....          |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO |                                       |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|             | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work   | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work  | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
|             | '000                              | '000                                  | '000                       | '000                 | '000  | %                               | %                                     | %                          | %                    | %     | %                                | %                                     |
| MALES       |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b> |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May         | 39.2                              | 292.7                                 | 331.9                      | 62.8                 | 394.7 | 20.9                            | 6.5                                   | 7.1                        | 9.0                  | 7.4   | 5.8                              | 4.4                                   |
| June        | 38.2                              | 289.5                                 | 327.7                      | 64.2                 | 391.9 | 20.3                            | 6.5                                   | 7.0                        | 9.2                  | 7.3   | 5.6                              | 4.3                                   |
| July        | 37.5                              | 286.9                                 | 324.4                      | 64.9                 | 389.3 | 19.8                            | 6.4                                   | 6.9                        | 9.4                  | 7.3   | 5.5                              | 4.3                                   |
| August      | 37.4                              | 285.1                                 | 322.4                      | 65.0                 | 387.4 | 19.6                            | 6.3                                   | 6.9                        | 9.5                  | 7.2   | 5.5                              | 4.2                                   |
| September   | 38.0                              | 283.4                                 | 321.4                      | 64.4                 | 385.8 | 19.8                            | 6.3                                   | 6.9                        | 9.4                  | 7.2   | 5.6                              | 4.2                                   |
| October     | 39.3                              | 281.6                                 | 320.8                      | 63.2                 | 384.0 | 20.4                            | 6.3                                   | 6.8                        | 9.3                  | 7.1   | 5.7                              | 4.2                                   |
| November    | 40.6                              | 279.1                                 | 319.7                      | 61.9                 | 381.6 | 21.0                            | 6.2                                   | 6.8                        | 9.1                  | 7.1   | 5.9                              | 4.1                                   |
| December    | 41.5                              | 275.5                                 | 317.0                      | 60.9                 | 377.9 | 21.5                            | 6.1                                   | 6.7                        | 8.9                  | 7.0   | 6.1                              | 4.1                                   |
| <b>2000</b> |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January     | 41.5                              | 271.7                                 | 313.2                      | 60.5                 | 373.6 | 21.6                            | 6.0                                   | 6.7                        | 8.8                  | 6.9   | 6.0                              | 4.0                                   |
| February    | 40.4                              | 268.7                                 | 309.1                      | 60.9                 | 370.0 | 21.2                            | 5.9                                   | 6.6                        | 8.7                  | 6.8   | 5.9                              | 4.0                                   |
| March       | 38.7                              | 266.9                                 | 305.6                      | 61.8                 | 367.4 | 20.5                            | 5.9                                   | 6.5                        | 8.8                  | 6.8   | 5.6                              | 3.9                                   |
| April       | 36.9                              | 265.5                                 | 302.5                      | 62.6                 | 365.1 | 19.6                            | 5.9                                   | 6.4                        | 8.8                  | 6.7   | 5.4                              | 3.9                                   |
| May         | 35.5                              | 264.0                                 | 299.4                      | 63.3                 | 362.8 | 18.8                            | 5.8                                   | 6.3                        | 8.9                  | 6.7   | 5.1                              | 3.9                                   |
| June        | 34.3                              | 262.1                                 | 296.4                      | 64.0                 | 360.4 | 18.1                            | 5.8                                   | 6.3                        | 9.0                  | 6.6   | 5.0                              | 3.9                                   |
| July        | 33.5                              | 260.8                                 | 294.2                      | 64.9                 | 359.1 | 17.5                            | 5.7                                   | 6.2                        | 9.1                  | 6.6   | 4.8                              | 3.8                                   |
| FEMALES     |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b> |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May         | 30.4                              | 152.8                                 | 183.2                      | 111.4                | 294.6 | 26.6                            | 6.9                                   | 7.9                        | 6.3                  | 7.2   | 4.7                              | 2.2                                   |
| June        | 30.6                              | 150.7                                 | 181.3                      | 111.9                | 293.2 | 26.5                            | 6.8                                   | 7.8                        | 6.3                  | 7.2   | 4.7                              | 2.2                                   |
| July        | 30.8                              | 149.5                                 | 180.3                      | 111.2                | 291.5 | 26.5                            | 6.8                                   | 7.8                        | 6.2                  | 7.1   | 4.7                              | 2.1                                   |
| August      | 30.9                              | 149.3                                 | 180.2                      | 109.7                | 289.9 | 26.5                            | 6.7                                   | 7.7                        | 6.1                  | 7.0   | 4.7                              | 2.1                                   |
| September   | 30.8                              | 149.6                                 | 180.4                      | 107.7                | 288.0 | 26.4                            | 6.7                                   | 7.7                        | 6.0                  | 7.0   | 4.7                              | 2.1                                   |
| October     | 30.4                              | 150.2                                 | 180.6                      | 105.5                | 286.1 | 26.0                            | 6.7                                   | 7.7                        | 5.9                  | 6.9   | 4.7                              | 2.1                                   |
| November    | 29.7                              | 150.7                                 | 180.4                      | 103.8                | 284.1 | 25.4                            | 6.7                                   | 7.6                        | 5.7                  | 6.8   | 4.5                              | 2.2                                   |
| December    | 28.9                              | 151.5                                 | 180.3                      | 102.9                | 283.3 | 24.7                            | 6.7                                   | 7.6                        | 5.7                  | 6.8   | 4.4                              | 2.2                                   |
| <b>2000</b> |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January     | 28.2                              | 152.7                                 | 180.9                      | 103.3                | 284.2 | 24.2                            | 6.7                                   | 7.6                        | 5.7                  | 6.8   | 4.3                              | 2.2                                   |
| February    | 28.0                              | 153.3                                 | 181.3                      | 104.6                | 285.9 | 24.0                            | 6.7                                   | 7.6                        | 5.8                  | 6.8   | 4.3                              | 2.2                                   |
| March       | 28.3                              | 152.7                                 | 181.0                      | 106.1                | 287.0 | 24.2                            | 6.7                                   | 7.6                        | 5.8                  | 6.8   | 4.3                              | 2.2                                   |
| April       | 28.9                              | 150.0                                 | 178.9                      | 107.0                | 285.9 | 24.6                            | 6.6                                   | 7.4                        | 5.9                  | 6.8   | 4.4                              | 2.1                                   |
| May         | 29.6                              | 145.6                                 | 175.2                      | 107.3                | 282.5 | 24.9                            | 6.4                                   | 7.3                        | 5.9                  | 6.7   | 4.5                              | 2.1                                   |
| June        | 30.2                              | 140.2                                 | 170.4                      | 107.4                | 277.8 | 25.3                            | 6.1                                   | 7.1                        | 5.9                  | 6.5   | 4.6                              | 2.0                                   |
| July        | 30.8                              | 134.9                                 | 165.7                      | 107.2                | 272.9 | 25.6                            | 5.9                                   | 6.9                        | 5.8                  | 6.4   | 4.7                              | 1.9                                   |
| PERSONS     |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b> |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May         | 69.7                              | 445.5                                 | 515.2                      | 174.1                | 689.3 | 23.1                            | 6.7                                   | 7.4                        | 7.1                  | 7.3   | 5.2                              | 3.3                                   |
| June        | 68.8                              | 440.2                                 | 509.1                      | 176.0                | 685.1 | 22.7                            | 6.6                                   | 7.3                        | 7.1                  | 7.3   | 5.2                              | 3.2                                   |
| July        | 68.3                              | 436.4                                 | 504.7                      | 176.1                | 680.8 | 22.4                            | 6.5                                   | 7.2                        | 7.1                  | 7.2   | 5.1                              | 3.2                                   |
| August      | 68.2                              | 434.4                                 | 502.6                      | 174.6                | 677.3 | 22.3                            | 6.5                                   | 7.2                        | 7.1                  | 7.1   | 5.1                              | 3.2                                   |
| September   | 68.8                              | 433.0                                 | 501.8                      | 172.0                | 673.8 | 22.3                            | 6.4                                   | 7.1                        | 6.9                  | 7.1   | 5.2                              | 3.2                                   |
| October     | 69.7                              | 431.8                                 | 501.4                      | 168.7                | 670.1 | 22.5                            | 6.4                                   | 7.1                        | 6.8                  | 7.0   | 5.2                              | 3.1                                   |
| November    | 70.3                              | 429.8                                 | 500.1                      | 165.7                | 665.8 | 22.7                            | 6.4                                   | 7.1                        | 6.7                  | 7.0   | 5.3                              | 3.1                                   |
| December    | 70.4                              | 427.0                                 | 497.3                      | 163.8                | 661.2 | 22.7                            | 6.3                                   | 7.0                        | 6.6                  | 6.9   | 5.3                              | 3.1                                   |
| <b>2000</b> |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January     | 69.7                              | 424.4                                 | 494.0                      | 163.8                | 657.8 | 22.6                            | 6.3                                   | 7.0                        | 6.6                  | 6.9   | 5.2                              | 3.1                                   |
| February    | 68.4                              | 422.0                                 | 490.4                      | 165.6                | 655.9 | 22.3                            | 6.2                                   | 6.9                        | 6.6                  | 6.8   | 5.1                              | 3.1                                   |
| March       | 67.0                              | 419.5                                 | 486.6                      | 167.9                | 654.5 | 21.9                            | 6.2                                   | 6.8                        | 6.7                  | 6.8   | 5.0                              | 3.0                                   |
| April       | 65.9                              | 415.5                                 | 481.4                      | 169.6                | 651.0 | 21.5                            | 6.1                                   | 6.8                        | 6.7                  | 6.7   | 4.9                              | 3.0                                   |
| May         | 65.1                              | 409.5                                 | 474.6                      | 170.7                | 645.3 | 21.1                            | 6.0                                   | 6.6                        | 6.7                  | 6.7   | 4.8                              | 3.0                                   |
| June        | 64.5                              | 402.2                                 | 466.7                      | 171.4                | 638.2 | 20.8                            | 5.9                                   | 6.5                        | 6.7                  | 6.6   | 4.8                              | 2.9                                   |
| July        | 64.2                              | 395.6                                 | 459.9                      | 172.1                | 631.9 | 20.6                            | 5.8                                   | 6.4                        | 6.8                  | 6.5   | 4.8                              | 2.9                                   |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2000 to June 2000 have been revised.

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## EMPLOYED.....

## UNEMPLOYED.....

|   | <i>Full time</i> | <i>Part time</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Looking<br/>for f/t<br/>work</i> | <i>Looking<br/>for p/t<br/>work</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Labour<br/>force</i> | <i>Not in<br/>labour<br/>force</i> | <i>Civilian<br/>population<br/>aged 15–19</i> | <i>Unemp-<br/>loyment<br/>rate</i> | <i>Partic-<br/>ipation<br/>rate</i> |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|   | '000             | '000             | '000         | '000                                | '000                                | '000         | '000                    | '000                               | '000  | %                                  | %                                   |
| ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME |                  |                  |              |                                     |                                     |              |                         |                                    |   |                                    |                                     |
| Males   | 147.1            | 35.5             | 182.5        | 28.4                                | * 2.3                               | 30.7         | 213.2                   | 21.4                               | 234.6   | 14.4                               | 90.9                                |
| Females   | 82.0             | 42.0             | 124.1        | 20.5                                | * 1.5                               | 21.9         | 146.0                   | 25.2                               | 171.2   | 15.0                               | 85.3                                |
| Persons   | 229.1            | 77.5             | 306.6        | 48.8                                | * 3.8                               | 52.6         | 359.2                   | 46.6                               | 405.8   | 14.6                               | 88.5                                |
| ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME                    |                  |                  |              |                                     |                                     |              |                         |                                    |   |                                    |                                     |
| Males   | 5.1              | 47.2             | 52.3         | * 1.3                               | 9.1                                 | 10.4         | 62.7                    | 41.7                               | 104.4   | 16.6                               | 60.0                                |
| Females   | 5.8              | 68.1             | 73.9         | * 2.5                               | 6.5                                 | 9.0          | 82.9                    | 43.0                               | 126.0   | 10.9                               | 65.8                                |
| Persons   | 10.9             | 115.3            | 126.2        | * 3.8                               | 15.6                                | 19.4         | 145.6                   | 84.8                               | 230.4   | 13.3                               | 63.2                                |
| ATTENDING SCHOOL  |                  |                  |              |                                     |                                     |              |                         |                                    |   |                                    |                                     |
| Males   | 7.7              | 106.6            | 114.3        | * 2.6                               | 19.0                                | 21.6         | 135.9                   | 215.7                              | 351.6   | 15.9                               | 38.7                                |
| Females   | 5.0              | 132.9            | 137.9        | * 2.4                               | 21.0                                | 23.4         | 161.3                   | 200.7                              | 362.0   | 14.5                               | 44.6                                |
| Persons   | 12.7             | 239.5            | 252.2        | 5.0                                 | 40.1                                | 45.0         | 297.2                   | 416.3                              | 713.6   | 15.1                               | 41.7                                |
| TOTAL   |                  |                  |              |                                     |                                     |              |                         |                                    |   |                                    |                                     |
| Males   | 159.8            | 189.2            | 349.1        | 32.3                                | 30.4                                | 62.7         | 411.8                   | 278.8                              | 690.6   | 15.2                               | 59.6                                |
| Females   | 92.9             | 243.0            | 335.9        | 25.3                                | 29.0                                | 54.3         | 390.2                   | 268.9                              | 659.2   | 13.9                               | 59.2                                |
| <b>Persons</b>  | <b>252.7</b>     | <b>432.3</b>     | <b>685.0</b> | <b>57.6</b>                         | <b>59.4</b>                         | <b>117.0</b> | <b>802.0</b>            | <b>547.8</b>                       | <b>1 349.8</b>                                | <b>14.6</b>                        | <b>59.4</b>                         |

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 & OVER), States & Territories: **Original**—July 2000

|                              | EMPLOYED..... |           |         | UNEMPLOYED.....            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |      | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|                              | Full time     | Part time | Total   | Looking<br>for f/t<br>work | Looking<br>for p/t<br>work | Total | Labour<br>force | Not in<br>labour<br>force | Civilian<br>population<br>aged 15<br>and over |      |                           |                            |
|                              |               |           |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   | '000 |                           |                            |
| MALES                        |               |           |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |      |                           |                            |
| New South Wales              | 1 528.2       | 204.3     | 1 732.5 | 81.4                       | 18.2                       | 99.6  | 1 832.1         | 705.5                     | 2 537.6                                       | 5.4  | 72.2                      |                            |
| Victoria                     | 1 114.2       | 168.5     | 1 282.7 | 61.0                       | 14.9                       | 75.9  | 1 358.5         | 510.5                     | 1 869.0                                       | 5.6  | 72.7                      |                            |
| Queensland                   | 830.6         | 124.9     | 955.5   | 63.6                       | 14.0                       | 77.6  | 1 033.1         | 357.0                     | 1 390.1                                       | 7.5  | 74.3                      |                            |
| South Australia              | 332.2         | 52.2      | 384.4   | 26.7                       | 4.7                        | 31.3  | 415.7           | 174.3                     | 590.0   | 7.5  | 70.5                      |                            |
| Western Australia            | 461.5         | 67.1      | 528.6   | 28.9                       | 4.8                        | 33.7  | 562.3           | 181.5                     | 743.7   | 6.0  | 75.6                      |                            |
| Tasmania                     | 94.2          | 16.2      | 110.4   | 10.2                       | 1.6                        | 11.7  | 122.2           | 58.3                      | 180.5   | 9.6  | 67.7                      |                            |
| Northern Territory           | 43.4          | 7.0       | 50.4    | 2.5                        | * 0.4                      | 2.9   | 53.4            | 20.0                      | 73.4  | 5.5  | 72.7                      |                            |
| Australian Capital Territory | 75.8          | 13.2      | 89.0    | 3.1                        | 1.4                        | 4.5   | 93.5            | 25.2                      | 118.7   | 4.8  | 78.7                      |                            |
| Australia                    | 4 480.1       | 653.5     | 5 133.5 | 277.3                      | 60.0                       | 337.3 | 5 470.8         | 2 032.2                   | 7 503.0                                       | 6.2  | 72.9                      |                            |
| FEMALES                      |               |           |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |      |                           |                            |
| New South Wales              | 812.3         | 531.7     | 1 344.0 | 36.0                       | 24.9                       | 60.9  | 1 404.8         | 1 211.8                   | 2 616.7                                       | 4.3  | 53.7                      |                            |
| Victoria                     | 575.0         | 441.8     | 1 016.8 | 39.8                       | 28.6                       | 68.4  | 1 085.2         | 862.6                     | 1 947.8                                       | 6.3  | 55.7                      |                            |
| Queensland                   | 416.3         | 339.5     | 755.8   | 32.0                       | 22.4                       | 54.4  | 810.2           | 606.5                     | 1 416.7                                       | 6.7  | 57.2                      |                            |
| South Australia              | 155.9         | 140.8     | 296.7   | 14.8                       | 7.5                        | 22.3  | 319.0           | 296.4                     | 615.5   | 7.0  | 51.8                      |                            |
| Western Australia            | 214.0         | 186.2     | 400.1   | 15.1                       | 7.1                        | 22.1  | 422.2           | 322.2                     | 744.5   | 5.2  | 56.7                      |                            |
| Tasmania                     | 42.5          | 46.0      | 88.4    | 4.4                        | 2.3                        | 6.7   | 95.1            | 95.3                      | 190.4   | 7.0  | 49.9                      |                            |
| Northern Territory           | 27.0          | 12.0      | 39.0    | 1.1                        | * 0.5                      | 1.6   | 40.6            | 26.4                      | 67.1  | 4.0  | 60.6                      |                            |
| Australian Capital Territory | 53.2          | 27.1      | 80.3    | 1.9                        | * 0.9                      | 2.8   | 83.0            | 41.0                      | 124.1   | 3.3  | 66.9                      |                            |
| Australia                    | 2 296.1       | 1 725.0   | 4 021.1 | 145.0                      | 94.2                       | 239.2 | 4 260.3         | 3 462.4                   | 7 722.7                                       | 5.6  | 55.2                      |                            |
| PERSONS                      |               |           |         |                            |                            |       |                 |                           |   |      |                           |                            |
| New South Wales              | 2 340.5       | 736.0     | 3 076.5 | 117.4                      | 43.1                       | 160.5 | 3 237.0         | 1 917.3                   | 5 154.3                                       | 5.0  | 62.8                      |                            |
| Victoria                     | 1 689.2       | 610.3     | 2 299.5 | 100.8                      | 43.5                       | 144.3 | 2 443.8         | 1 373.1                   | 3 816.8                                       | 5.9  | 64.0                      |                            |
| Queensland                   | 1 246.9       | 464.4     | 1 711.3 | 95.6                       | 36.4                       | 132.1 | 1 843.4         | 963.4                     | 2 806.8                                       | 7.2  | 65.7                      |                            |
| South Australia              | 488.1         | 193.0     | 681.1   | 41.5                       | 12.1                       | 53.6  | 734.8           | 470.7                     | 1 205.5                                       | 7.3  | 61.0                      |                            |
| Western Australia            | 675.4         | 253.3     | 928.7   | 43.9                       | 11.9                       | 55.8  | 984.5           | 503.7                     | 1 488.2                                       | 5.7  | 66.2                      |                            |
| Tasmania                     | 136.7         | 62.2      | 198.9   | 14.5                       | 3.9                        | 18.4  | 217.3           | 153.7                     | 370.9   | 8.5  | 58.6                      |                            |
| Northern Territory           | 70.4          | 19.1      | 89.4    | 3.6                        | * 0.9                      | 4.6   | 94.0            | 46.4                      | 140.4   | 4.8  | 66.9                      |                            |
| Australian Capital Territory | 129.0         | 40.3      | 169.2   | 4.9                        | 2.3                        | 7.3   | 176.5           | 66.3                      | 242.8   | 4.1  | 72.7                      |                            |
| Australia                    | 6 776.2       | 2 378.4   | 9 154.6 | 422.4                      | 154.2                      | 576.5 | 9 731.1         | 5 494.6                   | 15 225.7                                      | 5.9  | 63.9                      |                            |

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS—New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland: **Original**

| Month           | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....          |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO |                                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                 | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work   | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work  | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
|                 | '000                              | '000                                  | '000                       | '000                 | '000  | %                               | %                                     | %                          | %                    | %     | %                                | %                                     |
| NEW SOUTH WALES |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b>     |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May             | 19.0                              | 131.2                                 | 150.2                      | 50.0                 | 200.1 | 20.1                            | 5.8                                   | 6.4                        | 6.5                  | 6.4   | 4.3                              | 2.8                                   |
| June            | 15.8                              | 128.1                                 | 143.9                      | 45.7                 | 189.6 | 18.1                            | 5.7                                   | 6.1                        | 5.9                  | 6.1   | 3.6                              | 2.8                                   |
| July            | 14.6                              | 121.8                                 | 136.4                      | 41.4                 | 177.8 | 14.4                            | 5.3                                   | 5.7                        | 5.5                  | 5.7   | 3.3                              | 2.6                                   |
| August          | 16.8                              | 134.0                                 | 150.8                      | 51.2                 | 202.0 | 19.5                            | 5.9                                   | 6.4                        | 6.7                  | 6.5   | 3.8                              | 2.9                                   |
| September       | 18.9                              | 140.0                                 | 158.9                      | 63.5                 | 222.4 | 19.8                            | 6.0                                   | 6.6                        | 8.0                  | 6.9   | 4.3                              | 3.0                                   |
| October         | 15.3                              | 123.3                                 | 138.6                      | 44.0                 | 182.6 | 15.9                            | 5.3                                   | 5.8                        | 5.9                  | 5.8   | 3.5                              | 2.6                                   |
| November        | 18.6                              | 113.4                                 | 131.9                      | 35.0                 | 167.0 | 20.7                            | 4.9                                   | 5.5                        | 4.7                  | 5.3   | 4.2                              | 2.4                                   |
| December        | 29.4                              | 120.5                                 | 149.9                      | 47.1                 | 197.0 | 26.0                            | 5.1                                   | 6.1                        | 6.3                  | 6.1   | 6.6                              | 2.6                                   |
| <b>2000</b>     |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January         | 24.9                              | 135.2                                 | 160.1                      | 40.5                 | 200.6 | 21.4                            | 5.8                                   | 6.6                        | 5.8                  | 6.4   | 5.6                              | 2.9                                   |
| February        | 22.9                              | 129.9                                 | 152.8                      | 59.2                 | 212.0 | 20.8                            | 5.6                                   | 6.3                        | 7.6                  | 6.6   | 5.2                              | 2.8                                   |
| March           | 18.6                              | 131.8                                 | 150.4                      | 56.0                 | 206.5 | 19.5                            | 5.7                                   | 6.2                        | 7.0                  | 6.4   | 4.2                              | 2.8                                   |
| April           | 15.4                              | 118.5                                 | 133.9                      | 49.0                 | 182.9 | 15.5                            | 5.1                                   | 5.5                        | 6.2                  | 5.7   | 3.5                              | 2.5                                   |
| May             | 17.4                              | 115.4                                 | 132.8                      | 49.1                 | 181.9 | 18.2                            | 5.0                                   | 5.5                        | 6.1                  | 5.6   | 3.9                              | 2.5                                   |
| June            | 19.3                              | 106.7                                 | 126.0                      | 50.6                 | 176.6 | 19.5                            | 4.6                                   | 5.2                        | 6.4                  | 5.5   | 4.3                              | 2.3                                   |
| July            | 17.4                              | 99.9                                  | 117.4                      | 43.1                 | 160.5 | 16.7                            | 4.2                                   | 4.8                        | 5.5                  | 5.0   | 3.9                              | 2.1                                   |
| VICTORIA        |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b>     |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May             | 13.8                              | 118.6                                 | 132.3                      | 49.9                 | 182.2 | 24.9                            | 7.1                                   | 7.7                        | 7.9                  | 7.8   | 4.3                              | 3.5                                   |
| June            | 13.5                              | 118.4                                 | 131.9                      | 36.6                 | 168.4 | 24.4                            | 7.1                                   | 7.6                        | 5.7                  | 7.1   | 4.2                              | 3.4                                   |
| July            | 11.9                              | 107.5                                 | 119.4                      | 50.1                 | 169.4 | 20.4                            | 6.4                                   | 6.8                        | 7.9                  | 7.1   | 3.7                              | 3.1                                   |
| August          | 11.3                              | 107.4                                 | 118.7                      | 47.1                 | 165.8 | 20.4                            | 6.5                                   | 6.9                        | 7.5                  | 7.1   | 3.5                              | 3.1                                   |
| September       | 12.8                              | 115.5                                 | 128.3                      | 51.6                 | 179.9 | 21.7                            | 6.8                                   | 7.3                        | 7.8                  | 7.5   | 4.0                              | 3.4                                   |
| October         | 13.8                              | 100.0                                 | 113.7                      | 41.8                 | 155.5 | 23.3                            | 6.0                                   | 6.6                        | 6.5                  | 6.6   | 4.3                              | 2.9                                   |
| November        | 14.6                              | 98.6                                  | 113.2                      | 42.1                 | 155.3 | 24.5                            | 6.0                                   | 6.6                        | 6.5                  | 6.6   | 4.5                              | 2.9                                   |
| December        | 18.0                              | 100.3                                 | 118.3                      | 47.0                 | 165.3 | 23.8                            | 5.9                                   | 6.6                        | 7.3                  | 6.8   | 5.5                              | 2.9                                   |
| <b>2000</b>     |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January         | 20.8                              | 100.6                                 | 121.4                      | 47.3                 | 168.7 | 26.7                            | 6.0                                   | 7.0                        | 7.9                  | 7.2   | 6.4                              | 2.9                                   |
| February        | 16.8                              | 105.0                                 | 121.8                      | 53.0                 | 174.8 | 24.9                            | 6.2                                   | 6.9                        | 8.5                  | 7.3   | 5.2                              | 3.0                                   |
| March           | 15.4                              | 103.9                                 | 119.3                      | 54.4                 | 173.7 | 26.4                            | 6.1                                   | 6.8                        | 8.3                  | 7.2   | 4.7                              | 3.0                                   |
| April           | 14.0                              | 99.1                                  | 113.1                      | 51.3                 | 164.4 | 25.0                            | 5.9                                   | 6.5                        | 7.8                  | 6.9   | 4.3                              | 2.8                                   |
| May             | 17.3                              | 103.6                                 | 120.9                      | 42.7                 | 163.6 | 27.8                            | 6.1                                   | 6.9                        | 6.5                  | 6.8   | 5.3                              | 3.0                                   |
| June            | 12.3                              | 96.3                                  | 108.5                      | 41.9                 | 150.4 | 21.5                            | 5.7                                   | 6.2                        | 6.4                  | 6.2   | 3.8                              | 2.8                                   |
| July            | 13.0                              | 87.8                                  | 100.8                      | 43.5                 | 144.3 | 21.7                            | 5.1                                   | 5.6                        | 6.6                  | 5.9   | 4.0                              | 2.5                                   |
| QUEENSLAND      |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b>     |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May             | 17.8                              | 92.8                                  | 110.5                      | 35.5                 | 146.1 | 27.7                            | 7.5                                   | 8.5                        | 7.3                  | 8.2   | 6.9                              | 3.7                                   |
| June            | 16.9                              | 88.9                                  | 105.9                      | 35.8                 | 141.6 | 25.8                            | 7.1                                   | 8.0                        | 7.5                  | 7.9   | 6.6                              | 3.6                                   |
| July            | 15.8                              | 84.3                                  | 100.0                      | 33.0                 | 133.0 | 24.0                            | 6.7                                   | 7.6                        | 7.1                  | 7.5   | 6.1                              | 3.4                                   |
| August          | 12.5                              | 85.2                                  | 97.7                       | 35.5                 | 133.3 | 19.6                            | 6.9                                   | 7.6                        | 7.4                  | 7.5   | 4.8                              | 3.4                                   |
| September       | 13.7                              | 94.1                                  | 107.8                      | 39.7                 | 147.5 | 20.6                            | 7.5                                   | 8.2                        | 8.3                  | 8.2   | 5.3                              | 3.8                                   |
| October         | 15.7                              | 96.4                                  | 112.2                      | 35.8                 | 147.9 | 24.8                            | 7.7                                   | 8.5                        | 7.5                  | 8.2   | 6.1                              | 3.8                                   |
| November        | 15.6                              | 88.4                                  | 104.0                      | 30.0                 | 134.0 | 23.2                            | 7.0                                   | 7.9                        | 6.2                  | 7.4   | 6.0                              | 3.5                                   |
| December        | 19.1                              | 99.7                                  | 118.8                      | 30.6                 | 149.4 | 25.1                            | 7.8                                   | 8.8                        | 6.4                  | 8.2   | 7.3                              | 4.0                                   |
| <b>2000</b>     |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January         | 16.7                              | 101.0                                 | 117.7                      | 36.9                 | 154.6 | 22.4                            | 8.0                                   | 8.8                        | 8.1                  | 8.6   | 6.4                              | 4.0                                   |
| February        | 15.5                              | 106.4                                 | 121.8                      | 33.4                 | 155.2 | 22.7                            | 8.4                                   | 9.2                        | 6.9                  | 8.6   | 5.9                              | 4.2                                   |
| March           | 15.1                              | 102.2                                 | 117.4                      | 39.5                 | 156.8 | 23.0                            | 8.1                                   | 8.8                        | 8.2                  | 8.7   | 5.8                              | 4.0                                   |
| April           | 16.4                              | 94.3                                  | 110.7                      | 38.8                 | 149.5 | 24.2                            | 7.5                                   | 8.4                        | 7.7                  | 8.2   | 6.3                              | 3.7                                   |
| May             | 13.6                              | 95.6                                  | 109.3                      | 31.2                 | 140.5 | 21.7                            | 7.6                                   | 8.3                        | 6.3                  | 7.7   | 5.2                              | 3.8                                   |
| June            | 12.4                              | 87.1                                  | 99.5                       | 35.5                 | 135.0 | 19.4                            | 6.9                                   | 7.5                        | 7.1                  | 7.4   | 4.7                              | 3.4                                   |
| July            | 13.3                              | 82.4                                  | 95.6                       | 36.4                 | 132.1 | 19.1                            | 6.5                                   | 7.1                        | 7.3                  | 7.2   | 5.0                              | 3.2                                   |

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS—South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania: **Original**

| Month             | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....          |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO |                                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                   | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work   | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work  | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
|                   | '000                              | '000                                  | '000                       | '000                 | '000  | %                               | %                                     | %                          | %                    | %     | %                                | %                                     |
| SOUTH AUSTRALIA   |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b>       |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May               | 7.6                               | 39.8                                  | 47.3                       | 16.4                 | 63.7  | 31.1                            | 8.0                                   | 9.1                        | 8.1                  | 8.8   | 7.5                              | 3.6                                   |
| June              | 7.4                               | 37.2                                  | 44.6                       | 11.5                 | 56.0  | 31.9                            | 7.6                                   | 8.7                        | 5.5                  | 7.8   | 7.3                              | 3.4                                   |
| July              | 5.9                               | 34.9                                  | 40.8                       | 13.6                 | 54.4  | 24.3                            | 7.1                                   | 7.9                        | 6.6                  | 7.6   | 5.9                              | 3.2                                   |
| August            | 6.8                               | 40.8                                  | 47.6                       | 13.4                 | 61.0  | 31.0                            | 8.3                                   | 9.3                        | 6.5                  | 8.5   | 6.8                              | 3.7                                   |
| September         | 5.8                               | 39.6                                  | 45.4                       | 15.1                 | 60.5  | 26.7                            | 8.0                                   | 8.8                        | 7.0                  | 8.3   | 5.8                              | 3.6                                   |
| October           | 5.9                               | 41.7                                  | 47.6                       | 14.9                 | 62.4  | 26.8                            | 8.5                                   | 9.2                        | 7.0                  | 8.6   | 5.8                              | 3.8                                   |
| November          | 7.6                               | 37.8                                  | 45.4                       | 10.4                 | 55.8  | 32.5                            | 7.7                                   | 8.8                        | 4.9                  | 7.7   | 7.5                              | 3.4                                   |
| December          | 8.3                               | 38.1                                  | 46.4                       | 12.8                 | 59.2  | 31.4                            | 7.5                                   | 8.7                        | 5.9                  | 7.9   | 8.2                              | 3.5                                   |
| <b>2000</b>       |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January           | 7.8                               | 41.7                                  | 49.5                       | 12.2                 | 61.7  | 31.6                            | 8.5                                   | 9.6                        | 5.7                  | 8.5   | 7.7                              | 3.8                                   |
| February          | 8.8                               | 43.7                                  | 52.5                       | 16.1                 | 68.6  | 32.5                            | 8.6                                   | 9.8                        | 7.8                  | 9.3   | 8.6                              | 4.0                                   |
| March             | 7.2                               | 38.9                                  | 46.1                       | 13.6                 | 59.8  | 30.0                            | 7.7                                   | 8.8                        | 6.5                  | 8.1   | 7.1                              | 3.5                                   |
| April             | 7.3                               | 40.5                                  | 47.8                       | 12.7                 | 60.6  | 28.3                            | 8.1                                   | 9.1                        | 6.0                  | 8.2   | 7.2                              | 3.7                                   |
| May               | 6.8                               | 43.9                                  | 50.8                       | 12.4                 | 63.2  | 29.8                            | 8.8                                   | 9.7                        | 5.9                  | 8.6   | 6.7                              | 4.0                                   |
| June              | 6.0                               | 38.3                                  | 44.3                       | 11.6                 | 55.9  | 26.0                            | 7.6                                   | 8.4                        | 5.8                  | 7.7   | 5.8                              | 3.5                                   |
| July              | 4.8                               | 36.7                                  | 41.5                       | 12.1                 | 53.6  | 20.5                            | 7.3                                   | 7.8                        | 5.9                  | 7.3   | 4.7                              | 3.3                                   |
| WESTERN AUSTRALIA |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b>       |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May               | 7.6                               | 39.9                                  | 47.5                       | 13.9                 | 61.4  | 21.6                            | 6.1                                   | 6.9                        | 5.2                  | 6.4   | 5.6                              | 3.0                                   |
| June              | 8.0                               | 39.7                                  | 47.7                       | 12.8                 | 60.5  | 21.5                            | 6.0                                   | 6.9                        | 4.8                  | 6.3   | 5.8                              | 3.0                                   |
| July              | 7.5                               | 35.6                                  | 43.1                       | 15.1                 | 58.2  | 19.3                            | 5.4                                   | 6.2                        | 5.7                  | 6.0   | 5.5                              | 2.7                                   |
| August            | 7.7                               | 36.9                                  | 44.6                       | 15.1                 | 59.7  | 20.7                            | 5.6                                   | 6.4                        | 5.7                  | 6.2   | 5.7                              | 2.8                                   |
| September         | 8.5                               | 44.8                                  | 53.2                       | 15.9                 | 69.1  | 21.9                            | 6.6                                   | 7.5                        | 5.8                  | 7.0   | 6.2                              | 3.4                                   |
| October           | 6.7                               | 38.4                                  | 45.1                       | 16.4                 | 61.5  | 18.2                            | 5.7                                   | 6.3                        | 6.1                  | 6.3   | 4.9                              | 2.9                                   |
| November          | 7.6                               | 41.9                                  | 49.5                       | 14.3                 | 63.8  | 18.7                            | 6.1                                   | 6.9                        | 5.3                  | 6.4   | 5.5                              | 3.1                                   |
| December          | 8.2                               | 38.3                                  | 46.5                       | 15.0                 | 61.5  | 19.2                            | 5.6                                   | 6.4                        | 5.6                  | 6.2   | 6.0                              | 2.9                                   |
| <b>2000</b>       |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January           | 8.5                               | 47.6                                  | 56.1                       | 18.1                 | 74.2  | 19.8                            | 7.0                                   | 7.8                        | 6.8                  | 7.5   | 6.2                              | 3.6                                   |
| February          | 8.7                               | 43.6                                  | 52.3                       | 19.2                 | 71.6  | 21.3                            | 6.4                                   | 7.2                        | 7.1                  | 7.2   | 6.3                              | 3.3                                   |
| March             | 6.9                               | 43.9                                  | 50.8                       | 18.3                 | 69.1  | 19.3                            | 6.5                                   | 7.1                        | 6.6                  | 7.0   | 5.0                              | 3.3                                   |
| April             | 7.9                               | 40.6                                  | 48.4                       | 19.5                 | 68.0  | 22.1                            | 6.0                                   | 6.8                        | 7.1                  | 6.8   | 5.7                              | 3.0                                   |
| May               | 6.0                               | 38.4                                  | 44.5                       | 15.1                 | 59.6  | 17.5                            | 5.7                                   | 6.3                        | 5.5                  | 6.1   | 4.3                              | 2.9                                   |
| June              | 4.6                               | 36.7                                  | 41.2                       | 15.4                 | 56.7  | 14.2                            | 5.5                                   | 5.9                        | 5.5                  | 5.8   | 3.3                              | 2.7                                   |
| July              | 4.9                               | 39.1                                  | 43.9                       | 11.9                 | 55.8  | 13.0                            | 5.7                                   | 6.1                        | 4.5                  | 5.7   | 3.5                              | 2.9                                   |
| TASMANIA          |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b>       |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May               | 2.7                               | 14.0                                  | 16.7                       | 4.3                  | 21.1  | 26.9                            | 9.7                                   | 10.8                       | 6.9                  | 9.7   | 7.9                              | 4.2                                   |
| June              | 2.6                               | 13.6                                  | 16.2                       | 4.1                  | 20.3  | 30.1                            | 9.5                                   | 10.6                       | 6.4                  | 9.4   | 7.5                              | 4.1                                   |
| July              | 1.9                               | 13.1                                  | 15.0                       | 3.7                  | 18.7  | 24.9                            | 9.1                                   | 9.8                        | 6.0                  | 8.7   | 5.4                              | 3.9                                   |
| August            | 1.9                               | 13.7                                  | 15.6                       | 2.7                  | 18.3  | 24.2                            | 9.3                                   | 10.0                       | 4.7                  | 8.6   | 5.6                              | 4.1                                   |
| September         | 2.5                               | 13.6                                  | 16.1                       | 4.1                  | 20.2  | 30.1                            | 9.1                                   | 10.2                       | 7.0                  | 9.3   | 7.2                              | 4.1                                   |
| October           | 1.9                               | 13.5                                  | 15.4                       | 4.9                  | 20.3  | 21.9                            | 9.2                                   | 9.9                        | 8.1                  | 9.4   | 5.3                              | 4.0                                   |
| November          | 2.0                               | 13.9                                  | 15.9                       | 5.1                  | 21.0  | 24.7                            | 9.4                                   | 10.2                       | 8.3                  | 9.6   | 5.9                              | 4.1                                   |
| December          | 3.2                               | 13.3                                  | 16.4                       | 4.6                  | 21.0  | 32.1                            | 9.0                                   | 10.4                       | 7.0                  | 9.4   | 9.1                              | 4.0                                   |
| <b>2000</b>       |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January           | 2.8                               | 13.8                                  | 16.6                       | 4.3                  | 20.8  | 31.2                            | 9.4                                   | 10.6                       | 6.8                  | 9.5   | 8.0                              | 4.1                                   |
| February          | 3.1                               | 12.0                                  | 15.1                       | 5.1                  | 20.2  | 32.8                            | 8.3                                   | 9.7                        | 8.1                  | 9.3   | 8.9                              | 3.6                                   |
| March             | 2.4                               | 12.6                                  | 14.9                       | 5.1                  | 20.0  | 26.9                            | 8.7                                   | 9.7                        | 7.7                  | 9.1   | 6.8                              | 3.7                                   |
| April             | 2.4                               | 12.1                                  | 14.6                       | 5.3                  | 19.8  | 29.5                            | 8.3                                   | 9.5                        | 8.1                  | 9.1   | 7.0                              | 3.6                                   |
| May               | 3.2                               | 12.2                                  | 15.4                       | 3.9                  | 19.4  | 32.4                            | 8.4                                   | 9.9                        | 6.1                  | 8.8   | 9.3                              | 3.6                                   |
| June              | 2.8                               | 13.6                                  | 16.4                       | 3.9                  | 20.2  | 29.2                            | 9.2                                   | 10.5                       | 6.1                  | 9.2   | 8.1                              | 4.0                                   |
| July              | 3.0                               | 11.5                                  | 14.5                       | 3.9                  | 18.4  | 35.1                            | 8.1                                   | 9.6                        | 5.9                  | 8.5   | 8.7                              | 3.4                                   |

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS—Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory: **Original**

| Month                        | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....          |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO |                                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                              | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work   | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work  | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work |
|                              | '000                              | '000                                  | '000                       | '000                 | '000  | %                               | %                                     | %                          | %                    | %     | %                                | %                                     |
| NORTHERN TERRITORY           |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b>                  |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May                          | * 0.4                             | 2.2                                   | 2.6                        | 1.4                  | 3.9   | * 14.8                          | 3.0                                   | 3.4                        | 5.3                  | 3.9   | * 2.6                            | 1.8                                   |
| June                         | * 0.5                             | 2.2                                   | 2.7                        | 1.0                  | 3.7   | * 15.2                          | 3.1                                   | 3.7                        | 4.4                  | 3.8   | * 3.5                            | 1.8                                   |
| July                         | * 0.3                             | 2.1                                   | 2.4                        | 1.4                  | 3.8   | * 8.0                           | 3.1                                   | 3.3                        | 6.7                  | 4.0   | * 2.0                            | 1.7                                   |
| August                       | * 0.6                             | 1.5                                   | 2.1                        | 1.0                  | 3.1   | * 15.5                          | 2.1                                   | 2.7                        | 4.2                  | 3.1   | * 3.9                            | 1.2                                   |
| September                    | * 0.4                             | 2.8                                   | 3.2                        | * 0.9                | 4.1   | * 9.6                           | 3.7                                   | 4.0                        | * 4.2                | 4.0   | * 2.7                            | 2.2                                   |
| October                      | * 0.6                             | 2.2                                   | 2.8                        | * 0.7                | 3.5   | * 15.2                          | 3.0                                   | 3.6                        | * 3.5                | 3.6   | * 3.9                            | 1.8                                   |
| November                     | 1.0                               | 1.3                                   | 2.3                        | * 0.9                | 3.3   | 21.8                            | 1.9                                   | 3.1                        | * 4.5                | 3.4   | 6.8                              | 1.1                                   |
| December                     | * 0.7                             | 3.0                                   | 3.7                        | 1.0                  | 4.7   | * 19.0                          | 4.0                                   | 4.7                        | 5.3                  | 4.9   | * 5.1                            | 2.4                                   |
| <b>2000</b>                  |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January                      | 1.0                               | 3.1                                   | 4.0                        | 1.2                  | 5.3   | 30.5                            | 4.5                                   | 5.6                        | 6.1                  | 5.7   | 6.7                              | 2.5                                   |
| February                     | * 0.5                             | 3.9                                   | 4.4                        | 1.6                  | 6.0   | * 17.0                          | 5.4                                   | 5.8                        | 9.2                  | 6.4   | * 3.3                            | 3.1                                   |
| March                        | * 0.3                             | 2.9                                   | 3.2                        | * 0.8                | 4.0   | * 9.0                           | 3.8                                   | 4.0                        | * 4.2                | 4.1   | * 2.1                            | 2.3                                   |
| April                        | * 0.3                             | 3.4                                   | 3.7                        | 1.2                  | 5.0   | * 9.3                           | 4.7                                   | 4.9                        | 6.3                  | 5.2   | * 2.3                            | 2.7                                   |
| May                          | * 0.3                             | 3.6                                   | 3.9                        | 1.2                  | 5.1   | * 9.1                           | 5.1                                   | 5.2                        | 6.2                  | 5.4   | * 2.0                            | 2.8                                   |
| June                         | * 0.4                             | 3.7                                   | 4.1                        | * 0.7                | 4.8   | * 12.1                          | 5.1                                   | 5.4                        | * 3.5                | 5.0   | * 2.8                            | 2.9                                   |
| July                         | * 0.6                             | 3.1                                   | 3.6                        | * 0.9                | 4.6   | * 14.6                          | 4.4                                   | 4.9                        | * 4.6                | 4.8   | * 3.8                            | 2.5                                   |
| AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| <b>1999</b>                  |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| May                          | * 0.7                             | 5.4                                   | 6.1                        | 4.1                  | 10.2  | * 20.9                          | 4.5                                   | 4.9                        | 9.0                  | 6.0   | * 2.8                            | 2.6                                   |
| June                         | * 0.6                             | 4.3                                   | 4.9                        | 3.3                  | 8.3   | * 22.9                          | 3.6                                   | 4.1                        | 7.0                  | 4.9   | * 2.7                            | 2.0                                   |
| July                         | * 0.6                             | 4.9                                   | 5.5                        | 3.2                  | 8.7   | * 13.5                          | 4.1                                   | 4.4                        | 7.2                  | 5.1   | * 2.6                            | 2.3                                   |
| August                       | * 1.0                             | 5.1                                   | 6.1                        | 3.6                  | 9.7   | * 25.5                          | 4.2                                   | 4.9                        | 8.0                  | 5.7   | * 4.3                            | 2.4                                   |
| September                    | 1.2                               | 4.8                                   | 6.1                        | 3.4                  | 9.5   | 31.3                            | 4.0                                   | 4.8                        | 7.1                  | 5.5   | 5.3                              | 2.3                                   |
| October                      | * 0.7                             | 5.1                                   | 5.8                        | 3.5                  | 9.3   | * 18.1                          | 4.1                                   | 4.5                        | 7.5                  | 5.3   | * 3.0                            | 2.4                                   |
| November                     | * 0.9                             | 5.7                                   | 6.6                        | 3.2                  | 9.8   | * 24.0                          | 4.6                                   | 5.1                        | 7.0                  | 5.6   | * 3.9                            | 2.6                                   |
| December                     | * 0.9                             | 5.7                                   | 6.6                        | 2.4                  | 9.0   | * 23.9                          | 4.5                                   | 5.1                        | 5.4                  | 5.2   | * 3.9                            | 2.6                                   |
| <b>2000</b>                  |                                   |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                 |                                       |                            |                      |       |                                  |                                       |
| January                      | 1.3                               | 6.4                                   | 7.7                        | 2.8                  | 10.5  | 27.3                            | 5.1                                   | 5.9                        | 6.5                  | 6.1   | 5.5                              | 3.0                                   |
| February                     | 1.3                               | 5.3                                   | 6.6                        | 3.7                  | 10.3  | 25.8                            | 4.1                                   | 5.0                        | 8.7                  | 5.9   | 5.5                              | 2.5                                   |
| March                        | * 0.9                             | 5.4                                   | 6.3                        | 4.0                  | 10.3  | * 20.5                          | 4.2                                   | 4.7                        | 9.7                  | 5.9   | * 3.8                            | 2.5                                   |
| April                        | * 0.5                             | 5.4                                   | 5.9                        | 3.2                  | 9.1   | * 11.1                          | 4.2                                   | 4.5                        | 7.4                  | 5.2   | * 2.3                            | 2.5                                   |
| May                          | * 0.9                             | 5.4                                   | 6.3                        | 3.5                  | 9.8   | * 19.3                          | 4.2                                   | 4.8                        | 8.1                  | 5.6   | * 3.8                            | 2.5                                   |
| June                         | * 0.7                             | 5.0                                   | 5.7                        | 3.3                  | 9.0   | * 16.2                          | 4.0                                   | 4.4                        | 7.3                  | 5.1   | * 2.8                            | 2.3                                   |
| July                         | * 0.7                             | 4.2                                   | 4.9                        | 2.3                  | 7.3   | * 18.1                          | 3.3                                   | 3.7                        | 5.5                  | 4.1   | * 2.9                            | 1.9                                   |



## LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—New South Wales(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| Month       | Employed<br>full time<br>'000 | Total<br>employed<br>'000 | Total<br>unemployed<br>'000 | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate<br>% | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate<br>% | Employed<br>full time<br>'000 | Total<br>employed<br>'000 | Total<br>unemployed<br>'000 | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate<br>% | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate<br>% | Civilian<br>population<br>aged 15<br>and over<br>'000 |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| MALES       |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 1 469.5                       | 1 666.8                   | 113.2                       | 6.4                            | 71.5                            | 1 466.9                       | 1 667.1                   | 115.0                       | 6.5                            | 71.6                            | 2 490.0   |
| June        | 1 466.9                       | 1 670.6                   | 112.2                       | 6.3                            | 71.5                            | 1 473.4                       | 1 672.4                   | 113.9                       | 6.4                            | 71.7                            | 2 493.4   |
| July        | 1 482.6                       | 1 681.1                   | 109.6                       | 6.1                            | 71.7                            | 1 480.4                       | 1 677.0                   | 113.3                       | 6.3                            | 71.7                            | 2 496.4   |
| August      | 1 490.0                       | 1 678.8                   | 115.2                       | 6.4                            | 71.8                            | 1 487.3                       | 1 680.9                   | 113.0                       | 6.3                            | 71.8                            | 2 499.4   |
| September   | 1 491.4                       | 1 684.6                   | 121.7                       | 6.7                            | 72.2                            | 1 493.5                       | 1 683.8                   | 112.4                       | 6.3                            | 71.8                            | 2 502.4   |
| October     | 1 499.2                       | 1 689.0                   | 110.2                       | 6.1                            | 71.8                            | 1 497.9                       | 1 685.5                   | 111.7                       | 6.2                            | 71.7                            | 2 506.4   |
| November    | 1 502.4                       | 1 686.4                   | 97.0                        | 5.4                            | 71.0                            | 1 500.3                       | 1 686.8                   | 110.8                       | 6.2                            | 71.6                            | 2 510.5   |
| December    | 1 505.3                       | 1 688.3                   | 118.2                       | 6.5                            | 71.8                            | 1 500.8                       | 1 689.0                   | 109.6                       | 6.1                            | 71.5                            | 2 514.5   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 1 495.8                       | 1 685.9                   | 111.5                       | 6.2                            | 71.4                            | 1 500.9                       | 1 692.9                   | 108.3                       | 6.0                            | 71.5                            | 2 517.7   |
| February    | 1 503.5                       | 1 701.9                   | 103.3                       | 5.7                            | 71.6                            | 1 502.0                       | 1 698.6                   | 107.1                       | 5.9                            | 71.6                            | 2 520.9   |
| March       | 1 497.8                       | 1 701.6                   | 109.7                       | 6.1                            | 71.8                            | 1 504.5                       | 1 705.4                   | 106.1                       | 5.9                            | 71.8                            | 2 524.0   |
| April       | 1 507.5                       | 1 715.6                   | 102.7                       | 5.6                            | 71.9                            | 1 508.4                       | 1 712.3                   | 105.0                       | 5.8                            | 71.9                            | 2 527.6   |
| May         | 1 514.2                       | 1 724.1                   | 100.9                       | 5.5                            | 72.1                            | 1 512.9                       | 1 718.4                   | 104.2                       | 5.7                            | 72.0                            | 2 531.1   |
| June        | 1 525.0                       | 1 721.3                   | 104.4                       | 5.7                            | 72.0                            | 1 517.2                       | 1 723.4                   | 103.7                       | 5.7                            | 72.1                            | 2 534.7   |
| July        | 1 518.7                       | 1 725.8                   | 107.9                       | 5.9                            | 72.3                            | 1 521.2                       | 1 727.3                   | 104.3                       | 5.7                            | 72.2                            | 2 537.6   |
| FEMALES     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 740.1                         | 1 253.7                   | 90.7                        | 6.7                            | 52.2                            | 740.1                         | 1 251.3                   | 91.4                        | 6.8                            | 52.1                            | 2 576.1   |
| June        | 752.6                         | 1 256.2                   | 89.4                        | 6.6                            | 52.2                            | 741.8                         | 1 253.4                   | 91.0                        | 6.8                            | 52.1                            | 2 579.1   |
| July        | 746.1                         | 1 257.1                   | 82.4                        | 6.2                            | 51.9                            | 743.7                         | 1 257.1                   | 89.9                        | 6.7                            | 52.2                            | 2 582.0   |
| August      | 740.3                         | 1 257.3                   | 93.1                        | 6.9                            | 52.2                            | 746.3                         | 1 261.2                   | 88.5                        | 6.6                            | 52.2                            | 2 584.9   |
| September   | 743.3                         | 1 264.4                   | 96.1                        | 7.1                            | 52.6                            | 749.6                         | 1 265.8                   | 86.8                        | 6.4                            | 52.3                            | 2 587.9   |
| October     | 757.5                         | 1 277.9                   | 79.8                        | 5.9                            | 52.4                            | 753.2                         | 1 270.7                   | 84.9                        | 6.3                            | 52.3                            | 2 591.3   |
| November    | 755.5                         | 1 274.1                   | 79.9                        | 5.9                            | 52.2                            | 757.4                         | 1 276.7                   | 82.9                        | 6.1                            | 52.4                            | 2 594.8   |
| December    | 768.1                         | 1 283.2                   | 81.7                        | 6.0                            | 52.5                            | 762.8                         | 1 284.4                   | 81.2                        | 5.9                            | 52.6                            | 2 598.3   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 774.1                         | 1 288.0                   | 78.0                        | 5.7                            | 52.5                            | 768.6                         | 1 293.0                   | 80.8                        | 5.9                            | 52.8                            | 2 600.7   |
| February    | 761.0                         | 1 302.6                   | 83.1                        | 6.0                            | 53.2                            | 774.3                         | 1 301.9                   | 81.3                        | 5.9                            | 53.1                            | 2 603.2   |
| March       | 777.8                         | 1 312.3                   | 83.7                        | 6.0                            | 53.6                            | 780.1                         | 1 310.3                   | 81.9                        | 5.9                            | 53.4                            | 2 605.6   |
| April       | 795.0                         | 1 322.7                   | 79.0                        | 5.6                            | 53.7                            | 786.1                         | 1 317.6                   | 81.5                        | 5.8                            | 53.6                            | 2 608.4   |
| May         | 796.6                         | 1 329.3                   | 84.2                        | 6.0                            | 54.1                            | 791.6                         | 1 323.6                   | 80.1                        | 5.7                            | 53.8                            | 2 611.2   |
| June        | 789.5                         | 1 317.1                   | 83.5                        | 6.0                            | 53.6                            | 796.3                         | 1 328.2                   | 78.2                        | 5.6                            | 53.8                            | 2 614.0   |
| July        | 802.3                         | 1 334.5                   | 65.5                        | 4.7                            | 53.5                            | 800.2                         | 1 331.5                   | 76.1                        | 5.4                            | 53.8                            | 2 616.7   |
| PERSONS     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 2 209.6                       | 2 920.5                   | 203.8                       | 6.5                            | 61.7                            | 2 206.9                       | 2 918.4                   | 206.5                       | 6.6                            | 61.7                            | 5 066.1   |
| June        | 2 219.5                       | 2 926.9                   | 201.6                       | 6.4                            | 61.7                            | 2 215.1                       | 2 925.8                   | 205.0                       | 6.5                            | 61.7                            | 5 072.5   |
| July        | 2 228.6                       | 2 938.2                   | 192.1                       | 6.1                            | 61.6                            | 2 224.1                       | 2 934.1                   | 203.2                       | 6.5                            | 61.8                            | 5 078.5   |
| August      | 2 230.4                       | 2 936.1                   | 208.2                       | 6.6                            | 61.8                            | 2 233.6                       | 2 942.1                   | 201.4                       | 6.4                            | 61.8                            | 5 084.4   |
| September   | 2 234.7                       | 2 948.9                   | 217.8                       | 6.9                            | 62.2                            | 2 243.0                       | 2 949.5                   | 199.2                       | 6.3                            | 61.8                            | 5 090.3   |
| October     | 2 256.7                       | 2 967.0                   | 190.0                       | 6.0                            | 61.9                            | 2 251.1                       | 2 956.3                   | 196.7                       | 6.2                            | 61.8                            | 5 097.8   |
| November    | 2 257.9                       | 2 960.5                   | 176.9                       | 5.6                            | 61.5                            | 2 257.7                       | 2 963.6                   | 193.7                       | 6.1                            | 61.8                            | 5 105.3   |
| December    | 2 273.4                       | 2 971.5                   | 199.9                       | 6.3                            | 62.0                            | 2 263.6                       | 2 973.4                   | 190.9                       | 6.0                            | 61.9                            | 5 112.8   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 2 269.9                       | 2 974.0                   | 189.5                       | 6.0                            | 61.8                            | 2 269.5                       | 2 985.9                   | 189.1                       | 6.0                            | 62.0                            | 5 118.4   |
| February    | 2 264.5                       | 3 004.5                   | 186.4                       | 5.8                            | 62.3                            | 2 276.3                       | 3 000.5                   | 188.4                       | 5.9                            | 62.2                            | 5 124.0   |
| March       | 2 275.7                       | 3 013.9                   | 193.3                       | 6.0                            | 62.5                            | 2 284.6                       | 3 015.7                   | 188.1                       | 5.9                            | 62.4                            | 5 129.7   |
| April       | 2 302.5                       | 3 038.2                   | 181.8                       | 5.6                            | 62.7                            | 2 294.5                       | 3 030.0                   | 186.5                       | 5.8                            | 62.6                            | 5 136.0   |
| May         | 2 310.8                       | 3 053.4                   | 185.1                       | 5.7                            | 63.0                            | 2 304.6                       | 3 042.0                   | 184.3                       | 5.7                            | 62.7                            | 5 142.3   |
| June        | 2 314.5                       | 3 038.4                   | 187.9                       | 5.8                            | 62.7                            | 2 313.6                       | 3 051.6                   | 181.9                       | 5.6                            | 62.8                            | 5 148.6   |
| July        | 2 321.0                       | 3 060.2                   | 173.4                       | 5.4                            | 62.7                            | 2 321.4                       | 3 058.8                   | 180.4                       | 5.6                            | 62.9                            | 5 154.3   |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2000 to June 2000 have been revised.

## LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Victoria(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| Month       | Employed<br>full time<br>'000 | Total<br>employed<br>'000 | Total<br>unemployed<br>'000 | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate<br>% | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate<br>% | Employed<br>full time<br>'000 | Total<br>employed<br>'000 | Total<br>unemployed<br>'000 | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate<br>% | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate<br>% | Civilian<br>population<br>aged 15<br>and over<br>'000 |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| MALES       |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 1 059.6                       | 1 216.6                   | 110.7                       | 8.3                            | 72.3                            | 1 074.1                       | 1 234.4                   | 105.8                       | 7.9                            | 73.0                            | 1 835.3   |
| June        | 1 077.6                       | 1 247.7                   | 101.9                       | 7.6                            | 73.4                            | 1 075.5                       | 1 236.9                   | 104.6                       | 7.8                            | 73.0                            | 1 837.7   |
| July        | 1 081.7                       | 1 242.6                   | 100.4                       | 7.5                            | 73.0                            | 1 077.3                       | 1 239.1                   | 102.3                       | 7.6                            | 72.9                            | 1 840.0   |
| August      | 1 084.3                       | 1 239.9                   | 100.1                       | 7.5                            | 72.7                            | 1 078.8                       | 1 240.5                   | 99.5                        | 7.4                            | 72.7                            | 1 842.3   |
| September   | 1 080.9                       | 1 243.5                   | 96.5                        | 7.2                            | 72.6                            | 1 079.6                       | 1 240.8                   | 96.7                        | 7.2                            | 72.5                            | 1 844.7   |
| October     | 1 078.3                       | 1 242.1                   | 91.9                        | 6.9                            | 72.2                            | 1 079.6                       | 1 240.4                   | 94.2                        | 7.1                            | 72.2                            | 1 847.6   |
| November    | 1 072.6                       | 1 230.9                   | 93.4                        | 7.1                            | 71.6                            | 1 079.5                       | 1 240.3                   | 92.3                        | 6.9                            | 72.0                            | 1 850.5   |
| December    | 1 081.6                       | 1 244.1                   | 95.0                        | 7.1                            | 72.3                            | 1 080.4                       | 1 241.6                   | 90.5                        | 6.8                            | 71.9                            | 1 853.5   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 1 077.4                       | 1 240.1                   | 87.3                        | 6.6                            | 71.5                            | 1 082.2                       | 1 244.0                   | 89.5                        | 6.7                            | 71.9                            | 1 855.6   |
| February    | 1 095.9                       | 1 255.9                   | 83.3                        | 6.2                            | 72.1                            | 1 084.6                       | 1 246.8                   | 89.2                        | 6.7                            | 71.9                            | 1 857.8   |
| March       | 1 088.3                       | 1 248.6                   | 89.5                        | 6.7                            | 71.9                            | 1 087.2                       | 1 250.3                   | 89.1                        | 6.6                            | 72.0                            | 1 860.0   |
| April       | 1 084.1                       | 1 255.0                   | 92.1                        | 6.8                            | 72.3                            | 1 090.0                       | 1 254.2                   | 88.7                        | 6.6                            | 72.1                            | 1 862.2   |
| May         | 1 088.5                       | 1 250.7                   | 92.4                        | 6.9                            | 72.0                            | 1 093.3                       | 1 258.4                   | 87.9                        | 6.5                            | 72.2                            | 1 864.3   |
| June        | 1 094.2                       | 1 258.6                   | 85.8                        | 6.4                            | 72.0                            | 1 097.0                       | 1 263.0                   | 86.7                        | 6.4                            | 72.3                            | 1 866.5   |
| July        | 1 113.0                       | 1 281.9                   | 79.8                        | 5.9                            | 72.9                            | 1 100.9                       | 1 267.8                   | 85.7                        | 6.3                            | 72.5                            | 1 869.0   |
| FEMALES     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 525.9                         | 941.6                     | 74.0                        | 7.3                            | 53.0                            | 527.5                         | 943.2                     | 74.3                        | 7.3                            | 53.1                            | 1 915.9   |
| June        | 527.6                         | 946.8                     | 73.4                        | 7.2                            | 53.2                            | 527.7                         | 947.7                     | 74.5                        | 7.3                            | 53.3                            | 1 918.2   |
| July        | 530.3                         | 957.5                     | 78.0                        | 7.5                            | 53.9                            | 529.1                         | 953.7                     | 74.4                        | 7.2                            | 53.5                            | 1 920.6   |
| August      | 533.4                         | 959.0                     | 71.4                        | 6.9                            | 53.6                            | 531.8                         | 960.2                     | 73.9                        | 7.1                            | 53.8                            | 1 922.9   |
| September   | 533.1                         | 965.0                     | 75.6                        | 7.3                            | 54.1                            | 535.2                         | 965.9                     | 73.2                        | 7.0                            | 54.0                            | 1 925.3   |
| October     | 536.5                         | 973.4                     | 72.4                        | 6.9                            | 54.2                            | 539.0                         | 970.4                     | 72.4                        | 6.9                            | 54.1                            | 1 928.0   |
| November    | 541.1                         | 972.2                     | 69.9                        | 6.7                            | 54.0                            | 542.6                         | 973.5                     | 72.0                        | 6.9                            | 54.2                            | 1 930.7   |
| December    | 552.9                         | 981.1                     | 70.4                        | 6.7                            | 54.4                            | 545.4                         | 975.3                     | 72.3                        | 6.9                            | 54.2                            | 1 933.4   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 548.9                         | 972.2                     | 73.9                        | 7.1                            | 54.1                            | 547.2                         | 976.5                     | 72.9                        | 6.9                            | 54.2                            | 1 935.4   |
| February    | 544.1                         | 976.7                     | 74.4                        | 7.1                            | 54.3                            | 548.5                         | 978.3                     | 73.6                        | 7.0                            | 54.3                            | 1 937.5   |
| March       | 552.9                         | 985.6                     | 75.8                        | 7.1                            | 54.7                            | 549.9                         | 981.7                     | 73.9                        | 7.0                            | 54.4                            | 1 939.5   |
| April       | 546.4                         | 977.1                     | 73.3                        | 7.0                            | 54.1                            | 552.0                         | 986.8                     | 73.8                        | 7.0                            | 54.6                            | 1 941.5   |
| May         | 550.1                         | 992.5                     | 73.7                        | 6.9                            | 54.9                            | 554.9                         | 992.9                     | 73.3                        | 6.9                            | 54.9                            | 1 943.4   |
| June        | 567.2                         | 1 004.4                   | 70.9                        | 6.6                            | 55.3                            | 558.0                         | 999.1                     | 72.7                        | 6.8                            | 55.1                            | 1 945.3   |
| July        | 562.1                         | 1 010.8                   | 72.2                        | 6.7                            | 55.6                            | 561.3                         | 1 005.3                   | 72.0                        | 6.7                            | 55.3                            | 1 947.8   |
| PERSONS     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 1 585.5                       | 2 158.2                   | 184.7                       | 7.9                            | 62.5                            | 1 601.6                       | 2 177.6                   | 180.1                       | 7.6                            | 62.9                            | 3 751.2   |
| June        | 1 605.2                       | 2 194.5                   | 175.4                       | 7.4                            | 63.1                            | 1 603.2                       | 2 184.6                   | 179.2                       | 7.6                            | 62.9                            | 3 755.9   |
| July        | 1 611.9                       | 2 200.1                   | 178.5                       | 7.5                            | 63.3                            | 1 606.4                       | 2 192.8                   | 176.7                       | 7.5                            | 63.0                            | 3 760.6   |
| August      | 1 617.7                       | 2 198.8                   | 171.5                       | 7.2                            | 63.0                            | 1 610.5                       | 2 200.7                   | 173.4                       | 7.3                            | 63.1                            | 3 765.3   |
| September   | 1 614.0                       | 2 208.5                   | 172.2                       | 7.2                            | 63.1                            | 1 614.7                       | 2 206.7                   | 169.9                       | 7.1                            | 63.0                            | 3 770.0   |
| October     | 1 614.8                       | 2 215.5                   | 164.3                       | 6.9                            | 63.0                            | 1 618.6                       | 2 210.9                   | 166.7                       | 7.0                            | 63.0                            | 3 775.6   |
| November    | 1 613.7                       | 2 203.1                   | 163.3                       | 6.9                            | 62.6                            | 1 622.1                       | 2 213.9                   | 164.3                       | 6.9                            | 62.9                            | 3 781.2   |
| December    | 1 634.5                       | 2 225.2                   | 165.4                       | 6.9                            | 63.1                            | 1 625.9                       | 2 216.9                   | 162.8                       | 6.8                            | 62.9                            | 3 786.8   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 1 626.3                       | 2 212.3                   | 161.2                       | 6.8                            | 62.6                            | 1 629.4                       | 2 220.5                   | 162.5                       | 6.8                            | 62.9                            | 3 791.1   |
| February    | 1 639.9                       | 2 232.6                   | 157.8                       | 6.6                            | 63.0                            | 1 633.0                       | 2 225.1                   | 162.8                       | 6.8                            | 62.9                            | 3 795.3   |
| March       | 1 641.2                       | 2 234.3                   | 165.3                       | 6.9                            | 63.2                            | 1 637.0                       | 2 232.0                   | 163.0                       | 6.8                            | 63.0                            | 3 799.6   |
| April       | 1 630.5                       | 2 232.0                   | 165.4                       | 6.9                            | 63.0                            | 1 642.0                       | 2 241.0                   | 162.5                       | 6.8                            | 63.2                            | 3 803.6   |
| May         | 1 638.6                       | 2 243.2                   | 166.1                       | 6.9                            | 63.3                            | 1 648.1                       | 2 251.3                   | 161.2                       | 6.7                            | 63.4                            | 3 807.7   |
| June        | 1 661.3                       | 2 263.0                   | 156.7                       | 6.5                            | 63.5                            | 1 654.9                       | 2 262.1                   | 159.4                       | 6.6                            | 63.5                            | 3 811.8   |
| July        | 1 675.2                       | 2 292.7                   | 151.9                       | 6.2                            | 64.1                            | 1 662.1                       | 2 273.1                   | 157.7                       | 6.5                            | 63.7                            | 3 816.8   |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2000 to June 2000 have been revised.

## LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Queensland(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| Month       | Employed<br>full time<br>'000 | Total<br>employed<br>'000 | Total<br>unemployed<br>'000 | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate<br>% | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate<br>% | Employed<br>full time<br>'000 | Total<br>employed<br>'000 | Total<br>unemployed<br>'000 | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate<br>% | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate<br>% | Civilian<br>population<br>aged 15<br>and over<br>'000 |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| MALES       |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 805.9                         | 926.2                     | 83.9                        | 8.3                            | 74.3                            | 812.0                         | 927.7                     | 80.5                        | 8.0                            | 74.1                            | 1 360.3   |
| June        | 817.4                         | 927.3                     | 81.7                        | 8.1                            | 74.1                            | 814.0                         | 927.3                     | 81.1                        | 8.0                            | 74.0                            | 1 362.4   |
| July        | 816.9                         | 924.4                     | 80.2                        | 8.0                            | 73.6                            | 815.4                         | 926.4                     | 81.2                        | 8.1                            | 73.8                            | 1 364.6   |
| August      | 819.1                         | 933.5                     | 79.1                        | 7.8                            | 74.1                            | 816.2                         | 925.4                     | 81.1                        | 8.1                            | 73.6                            | 1 366.8   |
| September   | 817.4                         | 922.1                     | 82.2                        | 8.2                            | 73.4                            | 816.1                         | 925.1                     | 81.0                        | 8.1                            | 73.5                            | 1 369.1   |
| October     | 805.4                         | 914.4                     | 83.4                        | 8.4                            | 72.7                            | 815.5                         | 925.6                     | 80.9                        | 8.0                            | 73.4                            | 1 371.6   |
| November    | 820.4                         | 936.1                     | 76.2                        | 7.5                            | 73.7                            | 814.5                         | 926.9                     | 81.1                        | 8.0                            | 73.4                            | 1 374.1   |
| December    | 818.2                         | 927.7                     | 83.5                        | 8.3                            | 73.5                            | 813.8                         | 928.8                     | 81.3                        | 8.0                            | 73.4                            | 1 376.6   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 811.3                         | 932.2                     | 83.7                        | 8.2                            | 73.7                            | 814.3                         | 931.6                     | 81.4                        | 8.0                            | 73.5                            | 1 378.6   |
| February    | 811.9                         | 937.2                     | 78.5                        | 7.7                            | 73.6                            | 816.0                         | 934.9                     | 81.3                        | 8.0                            | 73.6                            | 1 380.7   |
| March       | 819.2                         | 931.6                     | 81.2                        | 8.0                            | 73.2                            | 818.8                         | 938.5                     | 81.2                        | 8.0                            | 73.8                            | 1 382.7   |
| April       | 819.4                         | 942.8                     | 84.7                        | 8.2                            | 74.2                            | 822.1                         | 942.0                     | 81.2                        | 7.9                            | 73.9                            | 1 384.5   |
| May         | 828.8                         | 950.2                     | 77.1                        | 7.5                            | 74.1                            | 825.6                         | 945.7                     | 81.1                        | 7.9                            | 74.1                            | 1 386.2   |
| June        | 834.8                         | 949.2                     | 82.0                        | 8.0                            | 74.3                            | 828.7                         | 949.1                     | 81.0                        | 7.9                            | 74.2                            | 1 388.0   |
| July        | 827.0                         | 951.6                     | 81.8                        | 7.9                            | 74.3                            | 831.5                         | 951.7                     | 81.1                        | 7.8                            | 74.3                            | 1 390.1   |
| FEMALES     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 392.6                         | 717.3                     | 63.1                        | 8.1                            | 56.3                            | 394.9                         | 714.5                     | 62.0                        | 8.0                            | 56.0                            | 1 385.4   |
| June        | 397.0                         | 714.4                     | 64.5                        | 8.3                            | 56.1                            | 394.3                         | 716.5                     | 62.1                        | 8.0                            | 56.1                            | 1 387.5   |
| July        | 394.2                         | 716.9                     | 61.5                        | 7.9                            | 56.0                            | 393.4                         | 718.2                     | 62.7                        | 8.0                            | 56.2                            | 1 389.7   |
| August      | 385.6                         | 720.0                     | 58.5                        | 7.5                            | 55.9                            | 392.7                         | 720.1                     | 63.8                        | 8.1                            | 56.3                            | 1 391.9   |
| September   | 393.1                         | 720.9                     | 65.5                        | 8.3                            | 56.4                            | 392.8                         | 722.3                     | 64.7                        | 8.2                            | 56.4                            | 1 394.1   |
| October     | 398.9                         | 726.2                     | 70.8                        | 8.9                            | 57.1                            | 393.8                         | 724.7                     | 65.4                        | 8.3                            | 56.6                            | 1 396.6   |
| November    | 392.9                         | 726.0                     | 65.3                        | 8.2                            | 56.6                            | 395.2                         | 726.7                     | 65.6                        | 8.3                            | 56.6                            | 1 399.1   |
| December    | 395.2                         | 731.6                     | 66.2                        | 8.3                            | 56.9                            | 396.6                         | 728.3                     | 65.5                        | 8.3                            | 56.6                            | 1 401.6   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 401.1                         | 728.3                     | 62.5                        | 7.9                            | 56.3                            | 397.4                         | 729.2                     | 65.2                        | 8.2                            | 56.6                            | 1 403.8   |
| February    | 395.0                         | 730.4                     | 60.3                        | 7.6                            | 56.2                            | 397.7                         | 729.9                     | 64.6                        | 8.1                            | 56.5                            | 1 405.9   |
| March       | 401.0                         | 726.7                     | 69.0                        | 8.7                            | 56.5                            | 398.0                         | 731.2                     | 64.0                        | 8.0                            | 56.5                            | 1 408.1   |
| April       | 398.0                         | 736.6                     | 64.0                        | 8.0                            | 56.8                            | 399.0                         | 733.3                     | 63.3                        | 7.9                            | 56.5                            | 1 410.2   |
| May         | 398.4                         | 736.2                     | 64.2                        | 8.0                            | 56.7                            | 400.5                         | 736.3                     | 62.3                        | 7.8                            | 56.5                            | 1 412.3   |
| June        | 396.2                         | 730.9                     | 57.6                        | 7.3                            | 55.7                            | 402.2                         | 739.5                     | 61.1                        | 7.6                            | 56.6                            | 1 414.4   |
| July        | 413.8                         | 754.2                     | 58.9                        | 7.2                            | 57.4                            | 404.0                         | 742.9                     | 60.1                        | 7.5                            | 56.7                            | 1 416.7   |
| PERSONS     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 1 198.5                       | 1 643.6                   | 147.0                       | 8.2                            | 65.2                            | 1 206.9                       | 1 642.2                   | 142.6                       | 8.0                            | 65.0                            | 2 745.7   |
| June        | 1 214.5                       | 1 641.7                   | 146.3                       | 8.2                            | 65.0                            | 1 208.3                       | 1 643.8                   | 143.1                       | 8.0                            | 65.0                            | 2 749.9   |
| July        | 1 211.1                       | 1 641.2                   | 141.7                       | 7.9                            | 64.7                            | 1 208.7                       | 1 644.6                   | 143.9                       | 8.0                            | 64.9                            | 2 754.3   |
| August      | 1 204.7                       | 1 653.5                   | 137.6                       | 7.7                            | 64.9                            | 1 208.9                       | 1 645.5                   | 144.9                       | 8.1                            | 64.9                            | 2 758.7   |
| September   | 1 210.4                       | 1 643.0                   | 147.7                       | 8.2                            | 64.8                            | 1 208.9                       | 1 647.4                   | 145.7                       | 8.1                            | 64.9                            | 2 763.2   |
| October     | 1 204.3                       | 1 640.6                   | 154.2                       | 8.6                            | 64.8                            | 1 209.2                       | 1 650.3                   | 146.3                       | 8.1                            | 64.9                            | 2 768.2   |
| November    | 1 213.2                       | 1 662.1                   | 141.4                       | 7.8                            | 65.0                            | 1 209.7                       | 1 653.6                   | 146.7                       | 8.1                            | 64.9                            | 2 773.2   |
| December    | 1 213.3                       | 1 659.3                   | 149.8                       | 8.3                            | 65.1                            | 1 210.4                       | 1 657.2                   | 146.9                       | 8.1                            | 64.9                            | 2 778.2   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 1 212.4                       | 1 660.5                   | 146.2                       | 8.1                            | 64.9                            | 1 211.7                       | 1 660.8                   | 146.6                       | 8.1                            | 65.0                            | 2 782.4   |
| February    | 1 206.9                       | 1 667.6                   | 138.8                       | 7.7                            | 64.8                            | 1 213.7                       | 1 664.9                   | 145.9                       | 8.1                            | 65.0                            | 2 786.6   |
| March       | 1 220.2                       | 1 658.3                   | 150.1                       | 8.3                            | 64.8                            | 1 216.8                       | 1 669.7                   | 145.2                       | 8.0                            | 65.0                            | 2 790.8   |
| April       | 1 217.4                       | 1 679.5                   | 148.7                       | 8.1                            | 65.4                            | 1 221.1                       | 1 675.3                   | 144.5                       | 7.9                            | 65.1                            | 2 794.7   |
| May         | 1 227.3                       | 1 686.4                   | 141.3                       | 7.7                            | 65.3                            | 1 226.0                       | 1 681.9                   | 143.4                       | 7.9                            | 65.2                            | 2 798.6   |
| June        | 1 231.0                       | 1 680.0                   | 139.6                       | 7.7                            | 64.9                            | 1 230.9                       | 1 688.6                   | 142.1                       | 7.8                            | 65.3                            | 2 802.4   |
| July        | 1 240.7                       | 1 705.8                   | 140.6                       | 7.6                            | 65.8                            | 1 235.5                       | 1 694.6                   | 141.1                       | 7.7                            | 65.4                            | 2 806.8   |

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# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—South Australia(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| Month       | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED..... |                |                  |                   |                    | TREND.....         |                |                  |                   |                    | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
|             | Employed full time       | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |                                      |
|             | '000                     | '000           | '000             | %                 | %                  | '000               | '000           | '000             | %                 | %                  | '000                                 |
| MALES       |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| <b>1999</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| May         | 321.7                    | 374.3          | 36.5             | 8.9               | 70.2               | 320.9              | 372.4          | 35.5             | 8.7               | 69.7               | 585.0                                |
| June        | 319.4                    | 374.5          | 33.6             | 8.2               | 69.7               | 319.7              | 372.9          | 34.9             | 8.5               | 69.7               | 585.3                                |
| July        | 318.4                    | 373.9          | 33.2             | 8.1               | 69.5               | 318.2              | 373.2          | 34.6             | 8.5               | 69.6               | 585.7                                |
| August      | 317.0                    | 372.8          | 36.8             | 9.0               | 69.9               | 316.8              | 373.3          | 34.7             | 8.5               | 69.6               | 586.0                                |
| September   | 316.4                    | 373.3          | 33.2             | 8.2               | 69.3               | 315.8              | 373.5          | 34.9             | 8.5               | 69.7               | 586.4                                |
| October     | 314.0                    | 373.4          | 37.4             | 9.1               | 70.0               | 315.8              | 374.1          | 35.1             | 8.6               | 69.7               | 586.8                                |
| November    | 316.2                    | 372.5          | 34.5             | 8.5               | 69.3               | 316.9              | 375.4          | 35.0             | 8.5               | 69.9               | 587.1                                |
| December    | 319.8                    | 380.8          | 34.7             | 8.3               | 70.7               | 319.2              | 377.3          | 34.8             | 8.4               | 70.1               | 587.5                                |
| <b>2000</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| January     | 317.9                    | 376.9          | 33.7             | 8.2               | 69.8               | 322.1              | 379.2          | 34.7             | 8.4               | 70.4               | 587.8                                |
| February    | 329.0                    | 382.0          | 36.0             | 8.6               | 71.1               | 324.9              | 380.7          | 34.9             | 8.4               | 70.7               | 588.1                                |
| March       | 330.1                    | 383.6          | 33.1             | 7.9               | 70.8               | 327.0              | 381.6          | 35.3             | 8.5               | 70.8               | 588.4                                |
| April       | 328.5                    | 382.2          | 36.2             | 8.6               | 71.1               | 328.3              | 382.0          | 35.7             | 8.5               | 70.9               | 588.8                                |
| May         | 326.7                    | 381.3          | 38.1             | 9.1               | 71.2               | 329.1              | 382.2          | 35.9             | 8.6               | 71.0               | 589.2                                |
| June        | 328.9                    | 380.0          | 36.4             | 8.7               | 70.6               | 329.6              | 382.3          | 36.0             | 8.6               | 71.0               | 589.6                                |
| July        | 330.3                    | 384.3          | 33.8             | 8.1               | 70.9               | 329.9              | 382.6          | 35.9             | 8.6               | 71.0               | 590.0                                |
| FEMALES     |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| <b>1999</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| May         | 152.7                    | 287.1          | 27.1             | 8.6               | 51.4               | 150.8              | 287.6          | 25.8             | 8.2               | 51.2               | 611.6                                |
| June        | 149.9                    | 287.3          | 25.6             | 8.2               | 51.1               | 151.3              | 288.3          | 25.8             | 8.2               | 51.3               | 611.9                                |
| July        | 151.4                    | 290.5          | 25.0             | 7.9               | 51.5               | 151.8              | 289.3          | 25.8             | 8.2               | 51.5               | 612.3                                |
| August      | 153.4                    | 291.3          | 25.9             | 8.2               | 51.8               | 152.3              | 290.9          | 25.7             | 8.1               | 51.7               | 612.6                                |
| September   | 151.4                    | 292.6          | 26.2             | 8.2               | 52.0               | 152.6              | 292.8          | 25.3             | 8.0               | 51.9               | 613.0                                |
| October     | 153.0                    | 290.8          | 25.6             | 8.1               | 51.6               | 152.8              | 294.9          | 24.9             | 7.8               | 52.1               | 613.3                                |
| November    | 153.1                    | 298.0          | 23.4             | 7.3               | 52.4               | 152.9              | 296.4          | 24.6             | 7.7               | 52.3               | 613.6                                |
| December    | 156.2                    | 300.4          | 24.3             | 7.5               | 52.9               | 152.6              | 297.2          | 24.6             | 7.7               | 52.4               | 613.8                                |
| <b>2000</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| January     | 147.3                    | 300.1          | 22.8             | 7.1               | 52.6               | 152.1              | 296.8          | 24.9             | 7.7               | 52.4               | 614.0                                |
| February    | 152.9                    | 292.4          | 27.9             | 8.7               | 52.1               | 151.7              | 295.7          | 25.1             | 7.8               | 52.2               | 614.2                                |
| March       | 153.8                    | 293.2          | 25.1             | 7.9               | 51.8               | 151.6              | 294.3          | 25.3             | 7.9               | 52.0               | 614.4                                |
| April       | 150.7                    | 293.0          | 25.9             | 8.1               | 51.9               | 152.0              | 293.3          | 25.1             | 7.9               | 51.8               | 614.7                                |
| May         | 147.9                    | 292.4          | 24.8             | 7.8               | 51.6               | 152.8              | 293.0          | 24.7             | 7.8               | 51.7               | 614.9                                |
| June        | 158.5                    | 291.6          | 22.9             | 7.3               | 51.1               | 153.6              | 293.2          | 24.2             | 7.6               | 51.6               | 615.2                                |
| July        | 155.1                    | 297.9          | 23.6             | 7.3               | 52.2               | 154.9              | 293.8          | 23.8             | 7.5               | 51.6               | 615.5                                |
| PERSONS     |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| <b>1999</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| May         | 474.4                    | 661.4          | 63.6             | 8.8               | 60.6               | 471.7              | 660.0          | 61.3             | 8.5               | 60.3               | 1 196.6                              |
| June        | 469.3                    | 661.8          | 59.2             | 8.2               | 60.2               | 471.0              | 661.3          | 60.7             | 8.4               | 60.3               | 1 197.3                              |
| July        | 469.8                    | 664.5          | 58.2             | 8.1               | 60.3               | 470.0              | 662.5          | 60.5             | 8.4               | 60.4               | 1 198.0                              |
| August      | 470.4                    | 664.1          | 62.7             | 8.6               | 60.6               | 469.1              | 664.2          | 60.4             | 8.3               | 60.4               | 1 198.7                              |
| September   | 467.8                    | 665.9          | 59.4             | 8.2               | 60.5               | 468.5              | 666.4          | 60.2             | 8.3               | 60.6               | 1 199.4                              |
| October     | 466.9                    | 664.3          | 63.0             | 8.7               | 60.6               | 468.6              | 669.0          | 60.0             | 8.2               | 60.7               | 1 200.0                              |
| November    | 469.3                    | 670.5          | 58.0             | 8.0               | 60.7               | 469.8              | 671.8          | 59.6             | 8.1               | 60.9               | 1 200.7                              |
| December    | 476.0                    | 681.2          | 59.0             | 8.0               | 61.6               | 471.9              | 674.4          | 59.4             | 8.1               | 61.1               | 1 201.3                              |
| <b>2000</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| January     | 465.2                    | 676.9          | 56.5             | 7.7               | 61.0               | 474.2              | 676.0          | 59.6             | 8.1               | 61.2               | 1 201.8                              |
| February    | 481.9                    | 674.3          | 63.9             | 8.7               | 61.4               | 476.6              | 676.4          | 60.0             | 8.2               | 61.2               | 1 202.3                              |
| March       | 483.9                    | 676.8          | 58.1             | 7.9               | 61.1               | 478.6              | 675.9          | 60.6             | 8.2               | 61.2               | 1 202.8                              |
| April       | 479.2                    | 675.2          | 62.1             | 8.4               | 61.3               | 480.3              | 675.3          | 60.8             | 8.3               | 61.2               | 1 203.5                              |
| May         | 474.5                    | 673.7          | 62.9             | 8.5               | 61.2               | 481.8              | 675.2          | 60.7             | 8.2               | 61.1               | 1 204.2                              |
| June        | 487.4                    | 671.6          | 59.3             | 8.1               | 60.7               | 483.2              | 675.6          | 60.2             | 8.2               | 61.1               | 1 204.8                              |
| July        | 485.4                    | 682.3          | 57.5             | 7.8               | 61.4               | 484.8              | 676.5          | 59.7             | 8.1               | 61.1               | 1 205.5                              |

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# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Western Australia(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| Month       | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED..... |                |                  |                   |                    | TREND.....         |                |                  |                   |                    | Civilian population aged 15 and over |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
|             | Employed full time       | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | Employed full time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |                                      |
|             | '000                     | '000           | '000             | %                 | %                  | '000               | '000           | '000             | %                 | %                  | '000                                 |
| MALES       |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| <b>1999</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| May         | 441.4                    | 509.1          | 37.0             | 6.8               | 74.9               | 444.5              | 510.7          | 37.9             | 6.9               | 75.3               | 729.0                                |
| June        | 444.0                    | 508.9          | 38.4             | 7.0               | 74.9               | 444.9              | 511.3          | 37.8             | 6.9               | 75.2               | 730.2                                |
| July        | 446.2                    | 512.6          | 36.9             | 6.7               | 75.1               | 446.2              | 512.6          | 38.1             | 6.9               | 75.3               | 731.4                                |
| August      | 448.4                    | 514.9          | 37.5             | 6.8               | 75.4               | 448.2              | 514.5          | 38.7             | 7.0               | 75.5               | 732.5                                |
| September   | 449.7                    | 516.0          | 40.6             | 7.3               | 75.9               | 450.6              | 516.8          | 39.4             | 7.1               | 75.8               | 733.7                                |
| October     | 454.2                    | 521.4          | 41.2             | 7.3               | 76.5               | 453.0              | 519.3          | 39.9             | 7.1               | 76.1               | 735.1                                |
| November    | 456.1                    | 520.8          | 41.3             | 7.3               | 76.3               | 455.3              | 521.5          | 40.3             | 7.2               | 76.3               | 736.5                                |
| December    | 458.4                    | 523.7          | 36.1             | 6.5               | 75.9               | 457.1              | 523.3          | 40.3             | 7.1               | 76.4               | 737.9                                |
| <b>2000</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| January     | 453.8                    | 522.1          | 42.4             | 7.5               | 76.4               | 458.5              | 524.6          | 39.8             | 7.0               | 76.4               | 738.8                                |
| February    | 461.9                    | 528.4          | 39.1             | 6.9               | 76.7               | 459.0              | 525.3          | 38.8             | 6.9               | 76.3               | 739.7                                |
| March       | 460.5                    | 525.7          | 38.2             | 6.8               | 76.1               | 458.9              | 525.6          | 37.7             | 6.7               | 76.1               | 740.7                                |
| April       | 460.1                    | 526.2          | 36.8             | 6.5               | 75.9               | 458.5              | 525.7          | 36.6             | 6.5               | 75.8               | 741.4                                |
| May         | 455.5                    | 523.8          | 34.3             | 6.1               | 75.2               | 458.0              | 525.8          | 35.4             | 6.3               | 75.6               | 742.1                                |
| June        | 455.0                    | 525.0          | 32.7             | 5.9               | 75.1               | 457.4              | 525.9          | 34.5             | 6.2               | 75.4               | 742.8                                |
| July        | 458.7                    | 527.6          | 35.5             | 6.3               | 75.7               | 457.0              | 526.0          | 33.5             | 6.0               | 75.3               | 743.7                                |
| FEMALES     |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| <b>1999</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| May         | 201.0                    | 386.4          | 26.3             | 6.4               | 56.6               | 201.6              | 387.0          | 27.3             | 6.6               | 56.8               | 729.7                                |
| June        | 204.8                    | 391.7          | 24.1             | 5.8               | 56.9               | 202.9              | 388.6          | 26.7             | 6.4               | 56.8               | 730.8                                |
| July        | 205.3                    | 391.5          | 25.9             | 6.2               | 57.0               | 204.9              | 390.5          | 26.2             | 6.3               | 56.9               | 731.9                                |
| August      | 205.9                    | 389.8          | 26.2             | 6.3               | 56.7               | 207.1              | 392.7          | 25.9             | 6.2               | 57.1               | 733.0                                |
| September   | 205.7                    | 393.5          | 26.9             | 6.4               | 57.3               | 209.2              | 395.3          | 25.8             | 6.1               | 57.4               | 734.1                                |
| October     | 212.0                    | 396.4          | 25.9             | 6.1               | 57.4               | 211.0              | 398.0          | 25.6             | 6.0               | 57.6               | 735.4                                |
| November    | 218.7                    | 405.6          | 26.2             | 6.1               | 58.6               | 212.5              | 400.4          | 25.2             | 5.9               | 57.8               | 736.7                                |
| December    | 211.6                    | 402.4          | 23.9             | 5.6               | 57.8               | 213.5              | 402.0          | 25.0             | 5.9               | 57.9               | 738.0                                |
| <b>2000</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| January     | 210.6                    | 401.9          | 24.9             | 5.8               | 57.8               | 213.5              | 402.6          | 25.3             | 5.9               | 57.9               | 738.9                                |
| February    | 213.1                    | 401.5          | 23.5             | 5.5               | 57.4               | 212.7              | 402.1          | 26.1             | 6.1               | 57.9               | 739.9                                |
| March       | 213.1                    | 401.3          | 26.7             | 6.2               | 57.8               | 211.5              | 401.1          | 26.9             | 6.3               | 57.8               | 740.9                                |
| April       | 213.0                    | 400.5          | 32.4             | 7.5               | 58.4               | 210.3              | 400.1          | 27.4             | 6.4               | 57.6               | 741.8                                |
| May         | 206.9                    | 397.6          | 27.4             | 6.4               | 57.2               | 209.4              | 399.4          | 27.5             | 6.4               | 57.5               | 742.6                                |
| June        | 204.5                    | 400.8          | 25.7             | 6.0               | 57.4               | 208.6              | 398.8          | 27.2             | 6.4               | 57.3               | 743.4                                |
| July        | 211.3                    | 396.9          | 24.7             | 5.9               | 56.6               | 208.0              | 398.2          | 26.7             | 6.3               | 57.1               | 744.5                                |
| PERSONS     |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| <b>1999</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| May         | 642.4                    | 895.4          | 63.4             | 6.6               | 65.7               | 646.1              | 897.6          | 65.2             | 6.8               | 66.0               | 1 458.7                              |
| June        | 648.8                    | 900.6          | 62.4             | 6.5               | 65.9               | 647.8              | 899.8          | 64.4             | 6.7               | 66.0               | 1 461.0                              |
| July        | 651.5                    | 904.1          | 62.7             | 6.5               | 66.1               | 651.0              | 903.1          | 64.3             | 6.6               | 66.1               | 1 463.3                              |
| August      | 654.3                    | 904.7          | 63.7             | 6.6               | 66.1               | 655.2              | 907.2          | 64.6             | 6.6               | 66.3               | 1 465.6                              |
| September   | 655.4                    | 909.5          | 67.5             | 6.9               | 66.6               | 659.8              | 912.1          | 65.2             | 6.7               | 66.6               | 1 467.8                              |
| October     | 666.2                    | 917.8          | 67.1             | 6.8               | 67.0               | 664.1              | 917.2          | 65.5             | 6.7               | 66.8               | 1 470.5                              |
| November    | 674.8                    | 926.4          | 67.5             | 6.8               | 67.5               | 667.8              | 921.9          | 65.5             | 6.6               | 67.0               | 1 473.2                              |
| December    | 670.0                    | 926.1          | 60.1             | 6.1               | 66.8               | 670.6              | 925.3          | 65.3             | 6.6               | 67.1               | 1 475.9                              |
| <b>2000</b> |                          |                |                  |                   |                    |                    |                |                  |                   |                    |                                      |
| January     | 664.4                    | 924.0          | 67.3             | 6.8               | 67.1               | 672.0              | 927.1          | 65.1             | 6.6               | 67.1               | 1 477.8                              |
| February    | 674.9                    | 929.9          | 62.6             | 6.3               | 67.1               | 671.7              | 927.4          | 64.9             | 6.5               | 67.1               | 1 479.7                              |
| March       | 673.6                    | 927.0          | 64.9             | 6.5               | 66.9               | 670.4              | 926.7          | 64.6             | 6.5               | 66.9               | 1 481.6                              |
| April       | 673.1                    | 926.7          | 69.2             | 7.0               | 67.1               | 668.8              | 925.9          | 63.9             | 6.5               | 66.7               | 1 483.1                              |
| May         | 662.4                    | 921.4          | 61.6             | 6.3               | 66.2               | 667.3              | 925.2          | 62.9             | 6.4               | 66.5               | 1 484.7                              |
| June        | 659.5                    | 925.8          | 58.5             | 5.9               | 66.2               | 666.0              | 924.7          | 61.7             | 6.3               | 66.4               | 1 486.2                              |
| July        | 669.9                    | 924.6          | 60.2             | 6.1               | 66.2               | 665.0              | 924.3          | 60.3             | 6.1               | 66.2               | 1 488.2                              |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2000 to June 2000 have been revised.

# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Tasmania(a)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

| Month       | Employed<br>full time<br>'000 | Total<br>employed<br>'000 | Total<br>unemployed<br>'000 | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate<br>% | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate<br>% | Employed<br>full time<br>'000 | Total<br>employed<br>'000 | Total<br>unemployed<br>'000 | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate<br>% | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate<br>% | Civilian<br>population<br>aged 15<br>and over<br>'000 |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| MALES       |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 93.7                          | 109.2                     | 14.6                        | 11.8                           | 68.7                            | 93.5                          | 109.5                     | 13.9                        | 11.3                           | 68.4                            | 180.3   |
| June        | 94.5                          | 111.0                     | 13.4                        | 10.8                           | 69.0                            | 94.7                          | 110.1                     | 13.3                        | 10.8                           | 68.5                            | 180.3   |
| July        | 95.1                          | 110.5                     | 12.7                        | 10.3                           | 68.3                            | 95.7                          | 110.4                     | 12.9                        | 10.5                           | 68.4                            | 180.2   |
| August      | 97.4                          | 110.5                     | 11.5                        | 9.4                            | 67.7                            | 96.5                          | 110.4                     | 12.7                        | 10.3                           | 68.3                            | 180.2   |
| September   | 97.1                          | 110.2                     | 13.1                        | 10.6                           | 68.4                            | 96.9                          | 110.4                     | 12.6                        | 10.3                           | 68.3                            | 180.2   |
| October     | 96.4                          | 109.8                     | 12.5                        | 10.2                           | 67.9                            | 97.0                          | 110.2                     | 12.6                        | 10.3                           | 68.2                            | 180.2   |
| November    | 97.2                          | 109.9                     | 13.5                        | 10.9                           | 68.5                            | 96.6                          | 110.1                     | 12.5                        | 10.2                           | 68.0                            | 180.2   |
| December    | 96.5                          | 110.5                     | 12.4                        | 10.1                           | 68.2                            | 96.0                          | 109.9                     | 12.2                        | 10.0                           | 67.8                            | 180.2   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 95.6                          | 109.8                     | 11.8                        | 9.7                            | 67.5                            | 95.3                          | 109.7                     | 11.9                        | 9.7                            | 67.5                            | 180.2   |
| February    | 93.5                          | 109.7                     | 10.9                        | 9.1                            | 66.9                            | 94.7                          | 109.5                     | 11.6                        | 9.6                            | 67.2                            | 180.2   |
| March       | 94.2                          | 109.3                     | 11.0                        | 9.1                            | 66.7                            | 94.5                          | 109.4                     | 11.5                        | 9.5                            | 67.1                            | 180.3   |
| April       | 94.1                          | 108.5                     | 11.6                        | 9.7                            | 66.6                            | 94.5                          | 109.4                     | 11.7                        | 9.6                            | 67.1                            | 180.3   |
| May         | 95.3                          | 109.3                     | 11.9                        | 9.8                            | 67.2                            | 94.7                          | 109.5                     | 11.9                        | 9.8                            | 67.3                            | 180.4   |
| June        | 95.6                          | 110.2                     | 13.6                        | 11.0                           | 68.6                            | 95.0                          | 109.8                     | 12.2                        | 10.0                           | 67.6                            | 180.4   |
| July        | 95.1                          | 110.8                     | 11.6                        | 9.5                            | 67.8                            | 95.3                          | 110.1                     | 12.4                        | 10.1                           | 67.9                            | 180.5   |
| FEMALES     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 44.6                          | 85.2                      | 7.9                         | 8.4                            | 49.0                            | 44.0                          | 85.8                      | 7.4                         | 8.0                            | 49.1                            | 189.7   |
| June        | 43.6                          | 86.4                      | 7.4                         | 7.9                            | 49.5                            | 44.3                          | 85.8                      | 7.3                         | 7.9                            | 49.1                            | 189.7   |
| July        | 44.0                          | 85.5                      | 6.6                         | 7.1                            | 48.5                            | 44.6                          | 85.9                      | 7.3                         | 7.8                            | 49.1                            | 189.8   |
| August      | 45.0                          | 86.4                      | 7.2                         | 7.7                            | 49.3                            | 44.7                          | 86.2                      | 7.3                         | 7.8                            | 49.3                            | 189.8   |
| September   | 45.7                          | 86.8                      | 7.5                         | 8.0                            | 49.7                            | 44.7                          | 86.7                      | 7.4                         | 7.8                            | 49.6                            | 189.8   |
| October     | 44.5                          | 86.6                      | 7.6                         | 8.1                            | 49.6                            | 44.4                          | 87.3                      | 7.5                         | 7.9                            | 50.0                            | 189.8   |
| November    | 43.9                          | 88.0                      | 8.0                         | 8.4                            | 50.6                            | 43.9                          | 88.0                      | 7.7                         | 8.0                            | 50.4                            | 189.9   |
| December    | 42.9                          | 88.9                      | 7.6                         | 7.9                            | 50.8                            | 43.5                          | 88.5                      | 7.8                         | 8.1                            | 50.7                            | 189.9   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 43.2                          | 89.8                      | 7.9                         | 8.1                            | 51.4                            | 43.2                          | 88.9                      | 8.0                         | 8.3                            | 51.0                            | 190.0   |
| February    | 42.7                          | 88.3                      | 7.8                         | 8.1                            | 50.6                            | 43.3                          | 89.1                      | 8.2                         | 8.4                            | 51.2                            | 190.0   |
| March       | 44.0                          | 89.9                      | 8.3                         | 8.5                            | 51.7                            | 43.7                          | 89.1                      | 8.3                         | 8.5                            | 51.3                            | 190.1   |
| April       | 43.7                          | 88.2                      | 9.2                         | 9.4                            | 51.2                            | 44.2                          | 89.1                      | 8.3                         | 8.5                            | 51.2                            | 190.2   |
| May         | 45.1                          | 88.7                      | 8.6                         | 8.9                            | 51.2                            | 44.5                          | 89.2                      | 8.2                         | 8.4                            | 51.2                            | 190.3   |
| June        | 46.2                          | 90.7                      | 7.2                         | 7.4                            | 51.4                            | 44.8                          | 89.2                      | 8.0                         | 8.3                            | 51.1                            | 190.3   |
| July        | 43.4                          | 88.6                      | 7.5                         | 7.8                            | 50.5                            | 44.9                          | 89.2                      | 7.8                         | 8.1                            | 51.0                            | 190.4   |
| PERSONS     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 138.3                         | 194.4                     | 22.4                        | 10.3                           | 58.6                            | 137.6                         | 195.3                     | 21.3                        | 9.9                            | 58.5                            | 370.0   |
| June        | 138.1                         | 197.4                     | 20.9                        | 9.6                            | 59.0                            | 139.0                         | 195.9                     | 20.7                        | 9.5                            | 58.5                            | 370.0   |
| July        | 139.1                         | 196.0                     | 19.2                        | 8.9                            | 58.2                            | 140.3                         | 196.3                     | 20.2                        | 9.3                            | 58.5                            | 370.0   |
| August      | 142.5                         | 196.8                     | 18.6                        | 8.6                            | 58.2                            | 141.2                         | 196.7                     | 20.0                        | 9.2                            | 58.6                            | 370.0   |
| September   | 142.8                         | 197.0                     | 20.6                        | 9.5                            | 58.8                            | 141.6                         | 197.1                     | 20.0                        | 9.2                            | 58.7                            | 370.0   |
| October     | 140.9                         | 196.4                     | 20.2                        | 9.3                            | 58.5                            | 141.4                         | 197.5                     | 20.1                        | 9.2                            | 58.8                            | 370.0   |
| November    | 141.0                         | 197.9                     | 21.5                        | 9.8                            | 59.3                            | 140.6                         | 198.1                     | 20.2                        | 9.2                            | 59.0                            | 370.0   |
| December    | 139.4                         | 199.4                     | 20.0                        | 9.1                            | 59.3                            | 139.4                         | 198.5                     | 20.1                        | 9.2                            | 59.0                            | 370.1   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 138.8                         | 199.6                     | 19.6                        | 9.0                            | 59.2                            | 138.5                         | 198.6                     | 19.9                        | 9.1                            | 59.0                            | 370.2   |
| February    | 136.2                         | 198.0                     | 18.7                        | 8.6                            | 58.5                            | 138.1                         | 198.6                     | 19.8                        | 9.1                            | 59.0                            | 370.3   |
| March       | 138.2                         | 199.2                     | 19.3                        | 8.9                            | 59.0                            | 138.2                         | 198.5                     | 19.8                        | 9.1                            | 58.9                            | 370.4   |
| April       | 137.8                         | 196.7                     | 20.8                        | 9.6                            | 58.7                            | 138.7                         | 198.5                     | 20.0                        | 9.1                            | 59.0                            | 370.5   |
| May         | 140.4                         | 198.0                     | 20.6                        | 9.4                            | 59.0                            | 139.3                         | 198.7                     | 20.1                        | 9.2                            | 59.0                            | 370.6   |
| June        | 141.8                         | 200.9                     | 20.8                        | 9.4                            | 59.8                            | 139.8                         | 199.0                     | 20.2                        | 9.2                            | 59.1                            | 370.8   |
| July        | 138.5                         | 199.5                     | 19.1                        | 8.7                            | 58.9                            | 140.2                         | 199.4                     | 20.2                        | 9.2                            | 59.2                            | 370.9   |

(a) Trend estimates for January 2000 to June 2000 have been revised.

# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Northern Territory(a)

TREND.....

| Month       | Employed<br>full time<br>'000 | Total<br>employed<br>'000 | Total<br>unemployed<br>'000 | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate<br>% | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate<br>% | Civilian<br>population<br>aged 15<br>and over<br>'000 |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| MALES       |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 46.6                          | 54.0                      | 2.1                         | 3.7                            | 77.3                            | 72.5  |
| June        | 46.4                          | 53.8                      | 1.9                         | 3.5                            | 76.8                            | 72.7  |
| July        | 46.5                          | 53.7                      | 1.8                         | 3.3                            | 76.3                            | 72.8  |
| August      | 46.6                          | 53.6                      | 1.8                         | 3.2                            | 76.0                            | 72.9  |
| September   | 46.5                          | 53.4                      | 1.9                         | 3.4                            | 75.8                            | 72.9  |
| October     | 46.2                          | 53.0                      | 2.0                         | 3.7                            | 75.4                            | 73.0  |
| November    | 45.7                          | 52.5                      | 2.2                         | 4.1                            | 75.0                            | 73.0  |
| December    | 45.2                          | 51.9                      | 2.4                         | 4.3                            | 74.3                            | 73.0  |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 44.8                          | 51.5                      | 2.4                         | 4.5                            | 73.7                            | 73.1  |
| February    | 44.6                          | 51.2                      | 2.5                         | 4.6                            | 73.4                            | 73.2  |
| March       | 44.5                          | 51.1                      | 2.5                         | 4.7                            | 73.3                            | 73.3  |
| April       | 44.3                          | 51.0                      | 2.6                         | 4.9                            | 73.2                            | 73.3  |
| May         | 44.2                          | 50.8                      | 2.8                         | 5.2                            | 73.1                            | 73.2  |
| June        | 44.0                          | 50.6                      | 2.9                         | 5.5                            | 73.0                            | 73.2  |
| July        | 43.9                          | 50.5                      | 3.1                         | 5.7                            | 73.0                            | 73.4  |
| FEMALES     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 26.6                          | 40.9                      | 2.0                         | 4.7                            | 65.1                            | 65.9  |
| June        | 26.6                          | 40.8                      | 2.0                         | 4.8                            | 64.9                            | 66.0  |
| July        | 26.8                          | 40.8                      | 2.0                         | 4.8                            | 64.9                            | 66.1  |
| August      | 27.1                          | 40.8                      | 2.0                         | 4.7                            | 64.7                            | 66.1  |
| September   | 27.3                          | 40.7                      | 2.0                         | 4.7                            | 64.4                            | 66.2  |
| October     | 27.5                          | 40.4                      | 2.0                         | 4.8                            | 64.0                            | 66.3  |
| November    | 27.6                          | 40.2                      | 2.0                         | 4.8                            | 63.5                            | 66.4  |
| December    | 27.7                          | 40.0                      | 2.1                         | 4.9                            | 63.3                            | 66.5  |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 27.9                          | 40.0                      | 2.1                         | 5.0                            | 63.2                            | 66.6  |
| February    | 28.1                          | 40.1                      | 2.1                         | 5.0                            | 63.4                            | 66.7  |
| March       | 28.2                          | 40.2                      | 2.2                         | 5.1                            | 63.5                            | 66.7  |
| April       | 28.2                          | 40.2                      | 2.1                         | 5.1                            | 63.3                            | 66.8  |
| May         | 28.0                          | 39.9                      | 2.1                         | 5.0                            | 62.9                            | 66.9  |
| June        | 27.7                          | 39.7                      | 2.1                         | 5.0                            | 62.3                            | 67.0  |
| July        | 27.4                          | 39.3                      | 2.1                         | 5.0                            | 61.7                            | 67.1  |
| PERSONS     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 73.1                          | 94.9                      | 4.1                         | 4.1                            | 71.5                            | 138.4   |
| June        | 73.0                          | 94.7                      | 4.0                         | 4.0                            | 71.1                            | 138.7   |
| July        | 73.3                          | 94.5                      | 3.9                         | 3.9                            | 70.9                            | 138.9   |
| August      | 73.6                          | 94.4                      | 3.8                         | 3.9                            | 70.6                            | 139.0   |
| September   | 73.8                          | 94.1                      | 3.9                         | 4.0                            | 70.4                            | 139.2   |
| October     | 73.6                          | 93.4                      | 4.1                         | 4.2                            | 70.0                            | 139.3   |
| November    | 73.3                          | 92.7                      | 4.3                         | 4.4                            | 69.5                            | 139.4   |
| December    | 73.0                          | 92.0                      | 4.4                         | 4.6                            | 69.1                            | 139.5   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 72.7                          | 91.5                      | 4.5                         | 4.7                            | 68.7                            | 139.7   |
| February    | 72.6                          | 91.4                      | 4.6                         | 4.8                            | 68.6                            | 139.9   |
| March       | 72.6                          | 91.4                      | 4.7                         | 4.9                            | 68.6                            | 140.0   |
| April       | 72.5                          | 91.1                      | 4.8                         | 5.0                            | 68.5                            | 140.1   |
| May         | 72.1                          | 90.7                      | 4.9                         | 5.1                            | 68.2                            | 140.2   |
| June        | 71.7                          | 90.2                      | 5.0                         | 5.3                            | 67.9                            | 140.3   |
| July        | 71.2                          | 89.8                      | 5.1                         | 5.4                            | 67.6                            | 140.4   |

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# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Australian Capital Territory(a)

TREND.....

| Month       | Employed<br>full time<br>'000 | Total<br>employed<br>'000 | Total<br>unemployed<br>'000 | Unemp-<br>loyment<br>rate<br>% | Partic-<br>ipation<br>rate<br>% | Civilian<br>population<br>aged 15<br>and over<br>'000 |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| MALES       |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 68.9                          | 82.4                      | 5.9                         | 6.7                            | 77.0                            | 114.6   |
| June        | 69.1                          | 82.8                      | 5.9                         | 6.7                            | 77.3                            | 114.7   |
| July        | 69.6                          | 83.4                      | 5.9                         | 6.6                            | 77.7                            | 114.9   |
| August      | 70.1                          | 84.2                      | 5.8                         | 6.4                            | 78.2                            | 115.1   |
| September   | 70.6                          | 84.9                      | 5.7                         | 6.3                            | 78.6                            | 115.3   |
| October     | 71.1                          | 85.4                      | 5.6                         | 6.2                            | 78.9                            | 115.4   |
| November    | 71.5                          | 86.0                      | 5.5                         | 6.0                            | 79.2                            | 115.5   |
| December    | 72.0                          | 86.4                      | 5.4                         | 5.9                            | 79.2                            | 115.7   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 72.5                          | 86.7                      | 5.3                         | 5.8                            | 79.2                            | 116.1   |
| February    | 72.9                          | 86.8                      | 5.3                         | 5.8                            | 79.1                            | 116.6   |
| March       | 73.4                          | 87.0                      | 5.3                         | 5.8                            | 78.9                            | 117.0   |
| April       | 73.8                          | 87.3                      | 5.3                         | 5.8                            | 78.8                            | 117.5   |
| May         | 74.2                          | 87.5                      | 5.3                         | 5.7                            | 78.6                            | 118.0   |
| June        | 74.4                          | 87.6                      | 5.3                         | 5.7                            | 78.5                            | 118.6   |
| July        | 74.5                          | 87.7                      | 5.3                         | 5.7                            | 78.3                            | 118.7   |
| FEMALES     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 47.3                          | 75.7                      | 4.0                         | 5.0                            | 65.3                            | 122.0   |
| June        | 48.0                          | 76.2                      | 3.8                         | 4.8                            | 65.6                            | 122.0   |
| July        | 48.8                          | 76.8                      | 3.8                         | 4.7                            | 66.0                            | 122.1   |
| August      | 49.6                          | 77.4                      | 3.9                         | 4.8                            | 66.5                            | 122.2   |
| September   | 50.2                          | 77.9                      | 4.1                         | 5.0                            | 67.0                            | 122.3   |
| October     | 50.5                          | 78.3                      | 4.2                         | 5.1                            | 67.4                            | 122.4   |
| November    | 50.8                          | 78.6                      | 4.2                         | 5.1                            | 67.6                            | 122.6   |
| December    | 51.0                          | 78.6                      | 4.2                         | 5.1                            | 67.5                            | 122.7   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 51.4                          | 78.6                      | 4.1                         | 5.0                            | 67.3                            | 122.9   |
| February    | 51.7                          | 78.6                      | 4.0                         | 4.9                            | 67.1                            | 123.1   |
| March       | 52.0                          | 78.5                      | 4.0                         | 4.9                            | 67.0                            | 123.2   |
| April       | 52.1                          | 78.5                      | 4.1                         | 4.9                            | 66.9                            | 123.5   |
| May         | 52.0                          | 78.6                      | 4.0                         | 4.9                            | 66.8                            | 123.7   |
| June        | 51.9                          | 78.8                      | 3.9                         | 4.8                            | 66.8                            | 123.9   |
| July        | 51.8                          | 78.9                      | 3.8                         | 4.6                            | 66.7                            | 124.1   |
| PERSONS     |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| <b>1999</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| May         | 116.2                         | 158.0                     | 9.9                         | 5.9                            | 71.0                            | 236.6   |
| June        | 117.1                         | 159.0                     | 9.8                         | 5.8                            | 71.3                            | 236.8   |
| July        | 118.4                         | 160.3                     | 9.7                         | 5.7                            | 71.7                            | 237.1   |
| August      | 119.7                         | 161.6                     | 9.7                         | 5.7                            | 72.2                            | 237.3   |
| September   | 120.8                         | 162.8                     | 9.8                         | 5.7                            | 72.6                            | 237.6   |
| October     | 121.6                         | 163.7                     | 9.8                         | 5.7                            | 73.0                            | 237.9   |
| November    | 122.3                         | 164.5                     | 9.7                         | 5.6                            | 73.2                            | 238.1   |
| December    | 123.0                         | 165.0                     | 9.6                         | 5.5                            | 73.2                            | 238.3   |
| <b>2000</b> |                               |                           |                             |                                |                                 |   |
| January     | 123.8                         | 165.3                     | 9.4                         | 5.4                            | 73.1                            | 239.0   |
| February    | 124.7                         | 165.4                     | 9.4                         | 5.4                            | 72.9                            | 239.6   |
| March       | 125.4                         | 165.6                     | 9.4                         | 5.4                            | 72.8                            | 240.3   |
| April       | 125.9                         | 165.8                     | 9.4                         | 5.4                            | 72.7                            | 241.0   |
| May         | 126.2                         | 166.1                     | 9.4                         | 5.3                            | 72.6                            | 241.7   |
| June        | 126.3                         | 166.4                     | 9.3                         | 5.3                            | 72.5                            | 242.5   |
| July        | 126.3                         | 166.6                     | 9.1                         | 5.2                            | 72.4                            | 242.8   |

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised estimates for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

### MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

**2** The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.5% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

### TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING

**3** The ABS has introduced the use of telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey. Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for 8 months, with one eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent). Telephone interviewing was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997.

**4** During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect peaked in November 1996, when it is estimated that the published estimate of total employment was about 36,000 to 48,000 lower than would have been measured under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. Therefore, the estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996.

### SCOPE OF SURVEY

**5** The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

### COVERAGE

**6** In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

### POPULATION BENCHMARKS

**7** Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over (population benchmarks). From February 1999, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Small revisions were made to many of the historical estimates from January 1995 to January 1999.

### REVISION OF SERIES

**8** From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 36 and 37 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

**9** The Labour Force Survey sample was last reselected using information collected in the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

**10** The bulk of the new sample was phased in over the period September 1997 to April 1998, with one eighth of this portion of the sample being introduced every month. The remainder of the sample (about 15% of the total), which covers less settled areas of Australia and non-private dwellings was rotated in full for New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory in September 1997, and for Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia in October 1997. Such a pattern of implementation means that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, were spread over the eight months.

**11** For further details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (Cat. no. 6269.0).

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

**12** Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

*Sampling error* occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown on pages 30 and 31. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

*Non sampling error* arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

**13** Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 12 to 17. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates given in this publication. Information about the method of adjustment, and revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for all months from January 1998, were published in a feature article in the February 2000 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

**14** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

Employment: 6 in 10 monthly movements

Unemployment: 8 in 10 monthly movements

Unemployment rate: 7 in 10 monthly movements

Participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION *continued*

**15** The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series, and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in tables 3, 6 and 12 to 19.

**16** While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

**17** Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in table 18 and for the Australian Capital Territory in table 19. Unadjusted series for the two Territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month to month revisions. They may be affected by revision resulting from the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

**18** For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**19** Users may also wish to refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available from ABS Bookshops.

**20** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

### UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

**21** As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Mark Webb on 02 6252 6525 or to any ABS office.

### EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

**22** Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

**23** Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes in Cat. no. 6203.0 for more details.
- .. not applicable
- r revised
- pts percentage points

## G L O S S A R Y

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| <b>Actively looking for work</b>                            | Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at the Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.   |
| <b>Attending school</b>                                     | Persons aged 15 to 19 enrolled full time at secondary or high schools in the reference week.   |
| <b>Attending tertiary educational institution full time</b> | Persons aged 15 to 24 enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week.  |
| <b>Employed</b>   | Persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or</li> <li>■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or</li> <li>■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ on paid leave,</li> <li>■ on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week,</li> <li>■ stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week,</li> <li>■ on strike or locked out,</li> <li>■ on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job, or</li> <li>■ receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ were employers, own account workers or contributing family workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Full-time workers</b>                                    | Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week   |
| <b>Labour force</b>   | For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.  |
| <b>Labour force status</b>                                  | A classification of the civilian population aged 15 and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.   |
| <b>Not in the labour force</b>                              | Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined.  |
| <b>Participation rate</b>                                   | For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.   |
| <b>Part-time workers</b>                                    | Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week.  |
| <b>Seasonally adjusted series</b>                           | A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Notes 13 to 14 for more detail.  |
| <b>Trend series</b>   | A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 15 to 17 for more detail.  |

## G L O S S A R Y

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| <b>Unemployed</b>                                 | Persons aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week), or</li> <li>■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Unemployed looking for first full-time job</b> | Unemployed persons looking for full-time work (as defined above) who had never worked full time for two weeks or more  |
| <b>Unemployed looking for full-time work</b>      | Unemployed persons who actively looked for full-time work, or were to resume a full-time job from which they had been stood down.  |
| <b>Unemployed looking for part-time work</b>      | Unemployed persons who had actively looked for part-time work only, or were to resume a part-time job from which they had been stood down.   |
| <b>Unemployment rate</b>                          | For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.   |
| <b>Unemployment to population ratio</b>           | For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.  |

## STANDARD ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on information gained from the occupants of a sample survey of dwellings. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

### LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15 to 19 is 500,000. The calculated standard error in this case is 8,700. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 500,000. For instance, the standard error of 8,700 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range 491,300 to 508,700 (500,000 + or – 8,700)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 482,600 to 517,400 (500,000 + or – 17,400).

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

|         | EMPLOYED..... |           |       | UNEMPLOYED.....      |                      |       | Labour force | Not in labour force | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|---------|---------------|-----------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|         | Full time     | Part time | Total | Looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total |              |                     |                   |                    |
|         | '000          | '000      | '000  | '000                 | '000                 | '000  | '000         | '000                | pts               | pts                |
| NSW     | 18.8          | 10.0      | 22.3  | 4.8                  | 3.5                  | 5.3   | 23.0         | 16.7                | 0.2               | 0.4                |
| Vic.    | 14.0          | 8.3       | 16.7  | 3.9                  | 3.0                  | 4.5   | 17.3         | 12.5                | 0.2               | 0.5                |
| Qld     | 10.9          | 7.4       | 12.3  | 3.9                  | 2.6                  | 4.5   | 12.6         | 9.9                 | 0.2               | 0.5                |
| SA      | 5.1           | 3.5       | 5.8   | 1.9                  | 1.2                  | 2.1   | 5.9          | 5.0                 | 0.3               | 0.5                |
| WA      | 5.4           | 3.9       | 6.0   | 2.1                  | 1.3                  | 2.3   | 6.1          | 4.9                 | 0.2               | 0.4                |
| Tas.    | 1.8           | 1.4       | 2.1   | 0.8                  | 0.5                  | 0.9   | 2.2          | 1.9                 | 0.4               | 0.6                |
| NT      | 1.2           | 0.8       | 1.3   | 0.4                  | 0.2                  | 0.5   | 1.4          | 1.1                 | 0.5               | 1.0                |
| ACT     | 1.8           | 1.1       | 2.1   | 0.5                  | 0.4                  | 0.5   | 2.1          | 1.4                 | 0.3               | 0.9                |
| Males   | 21.5          | 9.6       | 23.4  | 6.9                  | 3.9                  | 7.5   | 24.4         | 15.1                | 0.1               | 0.3                |
| Females | 15.9          | 14.1      | 20.3  | 5.4                  | 4.7                  | 6.6   | 20.9         | 18.8                | 0.2               | 0.3                |
| Persons | 28.6          | 16.1      | 37.1  | 8.1                  | 5.6                  | 9.2   | 39.3         | 24.5                | 0.1               | 0.3                |

|         | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....          |                                       |                            |                      |       |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|
|         | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work   | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total |
|         | '000                              | '000                                  | '000                       | '000                 | '000  | pts                             | pts                                   | pts                        | pts                  | pts   |
| NSW     | 2.5                               | 4.6                                   | 4.8                        | 3.5                  | 5.3   | 2.4                             | 0.2                                   | 0.2                        | 0.5                  | 0.2   |
| Vic.    | 1.9                               | 3.7                                   | 3.9                        | 3.0                  | 4.5   | 3.1                             | 0.2                                   | 0.2                        | 0.5                  | 0.2   |
| Qld     | 1.7                               | 3.7                                   | 3.9                        | 2.6                  | 4.5   | 2.5                             | 0.3                                   | 0.3                        | 0.5                  | 0.2   |
| SA      | 0.8                               | 1.8                                   | 1.9                        | 1.2                  | 2.1   | 3.4                             | 0.4                                   | 0.4                        | 0.6                  | 0.3   |
| WA      | 0.9                               | 2.0                                   | 2.1                        | 1.3                  | 2.3   | 2.4                             | 0.3                                   | 0.3                        | 0.5                  | 0.2   |
| Tas.    | 0.4                               | 0.7                                   | 0.8                        | 0.5                  | 0.9   | 4.9                             | 0.5                                   | 0.5                        | 0.7                  | 0.4   |
| NT      | 0.2                               | 0.4                                   | 0.4                        | 0.2                  | 0.5   | 5.2                             | 0.6                                   | 0.6                        | 1.2                  | 0.5   |
| ACT     | 0.2                               | 0.4                                   | 0.5                        | 0.4                  | 0.5   | 6.1                             | 0.3                                   | 0.4                        | 0.8                  | 0.3   |
| Males   | 3.0                               | 6.6                                   | 6.9                        | 3.9                  | 7.5   | 1.6                             | 0.1                                   | 0.1                        | 0.5                  | 0.1   |
| Females | 2.7                               | 5.1                                   | 5.4                        | 4.7                  | 6.6   | 2.3                             | 0.2                                   | 0.2                        | 0.3                  | 0.2   |
| Persons | 3.9                               | 7.7                                   | 8.1                        | 5.6                  | 9.2   | 1.2                             | 0.1                                   | 0.1                        | 0.2                  | 0.1   |

## STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

### MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part time in Australia is 1,390,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,400,000. The calculated standard error for the movement estimate is 13,000. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 10,000. For instance, the standard error of 13,000 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement over the two month period falls within the range -3,000 to 23,000 (10,000 + or - 13,000)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -16,000 to 36,000 (10,000 + or - 26,000).

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

|         | EMPLOYED..... |           |       | UNEMPLOYED.....      |                      |       | Labour force | Not in labour force | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|---------|---------------|-----------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|         | Full time     | Part time | Total | Looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total |              |                     |                   |                    |
|         | '000          | '000      | '000  | '000                 | '000                 | '000  | '000         | '000                | pts               | pts                |
| NSW     | 10.0          | 6.8       | 11.0  | 3.7                  | 2.7                  | 4.2   | 11.2         | 9.4                 | 0.1               | 0.2                |
| Vic.    | 7.6           | 5.4       | 8.4   | 3.0                  | 2.2                  | 3.3   | 8.6          | 7.1                 | 0.1               | 0.2                |
| Qld     | 6.8           | 4.8       | 7.5   | 2.8                  | 2.0                  | 3.1   | 7.7          | 6.2                 | 0.2               | 0.3                |
| SA      | 3.1           | 2.3       | 3.5   | 1.4                  | 0.9                  | 1.5   | 3.6          | 3.1                 | 0.2               | 0.3                |
| WA      | 3.9           | 2.9       | 4.3   | 1.6                  | 1.1                  | 1.7   | 4.4          | 3.5                 | 0.2               | 0.3                |
| Tas.    | 1.2           | 0.9       | 1.4   | 0.6                  | 0.4                  | 0.6   | 1.4          | 1.3                 | 0.3               | 0.4                |
| NT      | 1.1           | 0.6       | 1.2   | 0.4                  | 0.2                  | 0.4   | 1.2          | 0.9                 | 0.4               | 0.8                |
| ACT     | 1.0           | 0.7       | 1.1   | 0.4                  | 0.3                  | 0.4   | 1.1          | 0.8                 | 0.2               | 0.5                |
| Males   | 14.1          | 7.1       | 14.8  | 5.3                  | 3.0                  | 5.7   | 15.1         | 10.7                | 0.1               | 0.2                |
| Females | 11.1          | 10.1      | 13.6  | 4.2                  | 3.7                  | 5.1   | 13.8         | 12.9                | 0.1               | 0.2                |
| Persons | 16.3          | 11.3      | 18.2  | 6.2                  | 4.3                  | 6.9   | 18.6         | 15.2                | 0.1               | 0.1                |

|         | NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... |                                       |                            |                      |       | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....          |                                       |                            |                      |       |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|
|         | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work   | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total | Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work | Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work | Total looking for f/t work | Looking for p/t work | Total |
|         | '000                              | '000                                  | '000                       | '000                 | '000  | pts                             | pts                                   | pts                        | pts                  | pts   |
| NSW     | 2.0                               | 3.5                                   | 3.7                        | 2.7                  | 4.2   | 2.0                             | 0.2                                   | 0.2                        | 0.3                  | 0.1   |
| Vic.    | 1.4                               | 2.9                                   | 3.0                        | 2.2                  | 3.3   | 2.4                             | 0.2                                   | 0.2                        | 0.3                  | 0.1   |
| Qld     | 1.4                               | 2.7                                   | 2.8                        | 2.0                  | 3.1   | 2.0                             | 0.2                                   | 0.2                        | 0.4                  | 0.2   |
| SA      | 0.7                               | 1.3                                   | 1.4                        | 0.9                  | 1.5   | 2.9                             | 0.3                                   | 0.3                        | 0.4                  | 0.2   |
| WA      | 0.8                               | 1.5                                   | 1.6                        | 1.1                  | 1.7   | 2.2                             | 0.2                                   | 0.2                        | 0.4                  | 0.2   |
| Tas.    | 0.3                               | 0.6                                   | 0.6                        | 0.4                  | 0.6   | 3.8                             | 0.4                                   | 0.4                        | 0.6                  | 0.3   |
| NT      | 0.2                               | 0.3                                   | 0.4                        | 0.2                  | 0.4   | 4.4                             | 0.5                                   | 0.5                        | 1.0                  | 0.4   |
| ACT     | 0.2                               | 0.4                                   | 0.4                        | 0.3                  | 0.4   | 4.9                             | 0.3                                   | 0.3                        | 0.7                  | 0.2   |
| Males   | 2.4                               | 5.1                                   | 5.3                        | 3.0                  | 5.7   | 1.3                             | 0.1                                   | 0.1                        | 0.4                  | 0.1   |
| Females | 2.3                               | 4.0                                   | 4.2                        | 3.7                  | 5.1   | 2.1                             | 0.2                                   | 0.2                        | 0.2                  | 0.1   |
| Persons | 3.0                               | 5.9                                   | 6.2                        | 4.3                  | 6.9   | 1.0                             | 0.1                                   | 0.1                        | 0.2                  | 0.1   |

# WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

## EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 13 and 14 of Explanatory Notes).

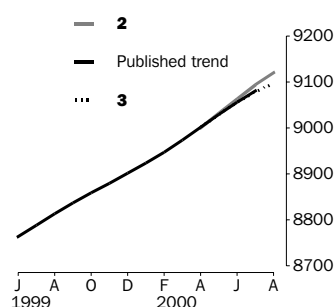
### TREND REVISIONS

The examples in the tables below show four illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and unemployment rate.

- 1** The August seasonally adjusted estimate is the same as the July estimate.
- 2** The August seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the July estimate by:
  - +0.32% for employment
  - +1.96% for the unemployment rate
- 3** The August seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the July estimate by:
  - -0.32% for employment
  - -1.96% for the unemployment rate
- 4** The August seasonally adjusted estimate results in a revised July trend estimate which is identical to the new August trend estimate.

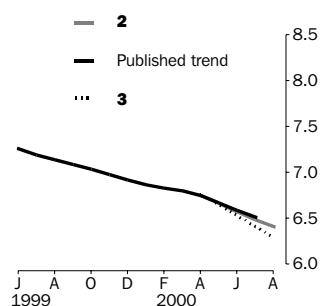
The percentage changes of 0.32% and 1.96% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

### EMPLOYMENT ('000)



|              |                           | WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:   |   |   |   |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
|              |                           | <b>1</b><br>9 117.8<br><i>i.e. the same as Jul 2000</i> | <b>2</b><br>9 146.9<br><i>i.e. rises by 0.32%</i> | <b>3</b><br>9 088.7<br><i>i.e. falls by 0.32%</i> | <b>4</b><br>8 966.8<br><i>i.e. same trend for Jul &amp; Aug</i> |
|              | <i>TREND AS PUBLISHED</i> |   |   |   |   |
| 2000         |                           |   |   |   |   |
| May          | 9 030.2                   | 9 031.1   | 9 032.4   | 9 029.8   | 9 024.4   |
| June         | 9 056.8                   | 9 060.3   | 9 064.6   | 9 056.0   | 9 037.9   |
| July         | 9 081.1                   | 9 087.7   | 9 095.8   | 9 079.5   | 9 045.5   |
| August (new) | —                         | 9 109.1   | 9 121.4   | 9 096.9   | 9 045.5   |

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)



|              |                           | WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS: |   |   |   |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
|              |                           | <b>1</b><br>6.3<br><i>i.e. the same as Jul 2000</i>   | <b>2</b><br>6.4<br><i>i.e. rises by 1.96%</i> | <b>3</b><br>6.2<br><i>i.e. falls by 1.96%</i> | <b>4</b><br>7.0<br><i>i.e. same trend for Jul &amp; Aug</i> |
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| 2000         |                           |   |   |   |   |
| May          | 6.7                       | 6.7   | 6.7   | 6.7   | 6.7   |
| June         | 6.6                       | 6.6   | 6.6   | 6.5   | 6.7   |
| July         | 6.5                       | 6.5   | 6.5   | 6.4   | 6.6   |
| August (new) | —                         | 6.4   | 6.4   | 6.3   | 6.6   |









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